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In this June 17, 2018 file photo provided by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, people who've been taken into custody related to cases of illegal entry into the United States, sit in one of the cages at a facility in McAllen, Texas.

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# AP: National Enquirer hid damaging Trump stories in a safe

By JEFF HORWITZ

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The National Enquirer kept a safe containing documents on hush money payments and other damaging stories it killed as part of its cozy relationship with Donald Trump leading up to the 2016 presidential election, people familiar with the arrangement told The Associated Press.

The detail came as several media outlets reported on Thursday that federal prosecutors had granted immunity to National Enquirer chief David Pecker, potentially laying bare his efforts to protect his longtime friend Trump.

Trump's former lawyer Michael Cohen pleaded guilty this week to campaign finance violations alleging he, Trump and the tabloid were involved in buying the silence of a porn actress and a Playboy model who alleged affairs with Trump.

Several people familiar with the National Enquirer's parent company, American Media Inc., who spoke to the AP on the condition of anonymity because they signed non-disclosure agreements, said the safe was a great source of power for Pecker, the company's CEO.

The Trump records were stored alongside similar documents pertaining to other celebrities' catch-



In this Jan. 31, 2014 photo, David Pecker, Chairman and CEO of American Media, addresses those attending the Shape & Men's Fitness Super Bowl Party in New York.

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and-kill deals, in which exclusive rights to people's stories were bought with no intention of publishing to keep them out of the news. By keeping celebrities' embarrassing secrets, the company was able to ingratiate itself with them and ask for favors in return. But after The Wall Street Journal initially published the first details of Playboy model Karen McDougal's catch-and-kill deal shortly before the 2016 election, those assets became a liability. Fearful that the documents might be used against American Media, Pecker and the company's chief content officer, Dylan Howard, removed them from the safe in the weeks before Trump's inaugura-

tion, according to one person directly familiar with the events.

It was unclear whether the documents were destroyed or simply were moved to a location known to fewer people.

American Media did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Pecker's immunity deal was first reported Thursday by Vanity Fair and The Wall Street Journal, citing anonymous sources. Vanity Fair reported that Howard also was granted immunity.

Court papers in the Cohen case say Pecker "offered to help deal with negative stories about (Trump's) relationships with women by, among other things, assisting the campaign in iden-

tifying such stories so they could be purchased and their publication avoided."

The Journal reported Pecker shared with prosecutors details about payments that Cohen says Trump directed in the weeks and months before the election to buy the silence of McDougal and another woman alleging an affair, porn star Stormy Daniels. Daniels was paid \$130,000, and McDougal was paid \$150,000.

While Trump denies the affairs, his account of his knowledge of the payments has shifted. In April, Trump denied he knew anything about the Daniels payment. He told Fox News in an interview aired Thursday that he knew about payments "later on."

In July, Cohen released an audio tape in which he and Trump discussed plans to buy McDougal's story from the Enquirer. Such a purchase was necessary, they suggested, to prevent Trump from having to permanently rely on a tight relationship with the tabloid. "You never know where that company — you never know what he's gonna be —" Cohen says.

"David gets hit by a truck," Trump says.

"Correct," Cohen replies. "So, I'm all over that."

While Pecker is cooperating with federal prosecutors now, American Media previously declined to par-

ticipate in congressional inquiries.

Last March, in response to a letter from a group of House Democrats about the Daniels and McDougal payments, American Media general counsel Cameron Stracher declined to provide any documents, writing that the company was "exempt" from U.S. campaign finance laws because it is a news publisher and it was "confident" it had complied with all tax laws. He also rebuffed any suggestion that America Media Inc., or AMI, had leverage over the president because of its catch-and-kill practices.

"AMI states unequivocally that any suggestion that it would seek to 'extort' the President of the United States through the exercise of its editorial discretion is outrageous, offensive, and wholly without merit," Stracher wrote in a letter obtained by The Associated Press.

Former Enquirer employees who spoke to the AP said that negative stories about Trump were dead on arrival dating back more than a decade when he starred on NBC's reality show "The Apprentice."

In 2010, at Cohen's urging, the National Enquirer began promoting a potential Trump presidential candidacy, referring readers to a pro-Trump website Cohen helped create. □

# John Lennon's killer denied parole for 10th time

By MARY ESCH

**ALBANY, N.Y. (AP)** — John Lennon's killer has been denied parole for a 10th time and will remain behind bars for at least two more years. Mark David Chapman appeared before New York's parole board on Wednesday. In a denial decision obtained by The Associated Press Thursday, the board said it had determined Chapman's release "would be incompatible with the welfare and safety of society and would so deprecate the serious nature of the crime as to



This Jan. 31, 2018 photo, provided by the New York State Department of Corrections, shows Mark David Chapman, the man who killed John Lennon on Dec. 8, 1980.

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undermine respect for the law."

Chapman, 63, shot and killed the former Beatle outside Lennon's Manhattan apartment on Dec. 8, 1980. He is serving 20-years-to-life in the Wende Correctional Facility in western New York. "You admittedly carefully planned and executed the murder of a world-famous person for no reason other than to gain notoriety," the parole panel wrote in its denial decision. "While no one person's life is any more valuable than another's life, the fact that you chose

someone who was not only a world renown person and beloved by millions, regardless of the pain and suffering you would cause to his family, friends and so many others, you demonstrated a callous disregard for the sanctity of human life and the pain and suffering of others."

It said releasing Chapman would not only "tend to mitigate the seriousness of your crime," but also would endanger public safety because someone might try to harm him out of anger or revenge or to gain similar

notoriety.

As Chapman faced the parole panel Wednesday, politicians and fans called for his release to be denied during a rally at Strawberry Fields, Lennon's memorial in Central Park across from his former home.

A transcript of the parole hearing wasn't immediately released. At previous hearings, Chapman has said he still gets letters about the pain he caused and was sorry for choosing the wrong path to fame.

Chapman will be up for parole again in August 2020. □





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## Complaint: U.S. officials coerced migrants to sign documents

By **ASTRID GALVAN**

**PHOENIX (AP)** — The Honduran mother said she felt repeatedly pressured to sign documents she wasn't given time to read, so she lashed out at an immigration officer, telling him it shouldn't be this hard to get her son back.

The officer put his hands in a motion imitating choking someone and told her that's what he'd do to her if she were his wife, the woman said in an interview Thursday. She spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity over fears about her safety. "I felt so horrible because of so many things they told us, that they were gonna deport us, that our kids were gonna stay here," she said of her experience after being separated from her son at the border this spring.

A complaint filed against the Department of Homeland Security on Thursday alleges many parents were coerced into signing paperwork they didn't understand and that they were verbally and emotionally abused while detained and away from their children.

In some of the cases, parents gave away rights to be reunited with their children when the non-English speaking mothers and fathers signed documents in English they could not read, according to the complaint provided to the AP before it was filed with the Department of Homeland Security.

In other examples, parents who had been reunited were threatened with another separation if they didn't agree to be deported with their children, the complaint said.

The complaint was filed by the American Immigration Lawyers Association and

the American Immigration Council, who say attorneys spoke with 76 parents who said they were asked to sign forms affecting their rights to reunify with their children.

All of them said they weren't allowed to ask what would happen if they signed the form.

The U.S. government separated more than 2,500 children from their parents this year as the Trump administration adopted a "zero-tolerance" policy requiring anyone who crossed the border illegally to be prosecuted. That resulted in parents who had to go to federal court to face criminal misdemeanor charges of illegal entry to be separated from their children, often for months.

The policy ignited a worldwide furor and Trump eventually reversed course.

A federal judge overseeing a lawsuit against the government gave authorities until July 26 to reunite all families, although over 300 parents who were deported to their home countries have yet to be reunited with their children.

The complaint to the Department of Homeland Security's Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties and Inspector General claims several mothers said that Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers told them that if they didn't sign the form, they would never see their children again.

The Honduran mother left her homeland with her 12-year-old son in April to escape gangs that threatened their lives when she reported them to police over their demands that she pay them a cut of her clothing business. She said authorities also repeatedly told her son that his mother

was going to be deported and he would be adopted by someone in the U.S. and that they'd cut off his fingers if he lied when being interviewed by authorities, she said. Homeland Security spokeswoman Katie Waldman declined comment Thursday on the complaint, saying that the agency cannot comment on pending litigation, although the complaint is not a lawsuit.

But a top agency official, Matthew Albence, denied similar allegations during a July 31 Senate committee meeting.

"A great many of these individuals do not wish to have their child returned home with them. The reason most of them have come in the first place is to get their children to the United States," Albence said at the time.

The complaint claimed migrant parents separated from their children were subjected to verbal and physical abuse, including being deprived of food and water and being put into solitary confinement.

In another example, a Guatemalan mother who was separated from her 5-year-old son said an officer at the Port Isabel, Texas, detention center told her to sign a document to be returned to her home country so that she could get her son back.

The officer didn't explain what she was signing and the woman did so out of desperation, according to the complaint. The woman, like many others, also reported being threatened with solitary confinement because she was crying so much over being separated from her son.

The woman, referred to only as "A.E." in the complaint, was eventually reunited with her son and is currently detained with him



In this Aug. 9, 2018, file photo, provided by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, immigrants walk into a building at South Texas Family Residential Center in Dilley, Texas.

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in Dilley, Texas.

Stories of parents who said they were coerced into signing off on their deportations and further separations have circulated for months.

Rolando Antonio Bueso Castillo, the father of a 1-year-old boy, said he was told he'd be reunited with

his son if he signed off on his deportation. But it would be five months before the boy, Johan, would be reunited with his parents in Honduras. That happened only after an immigration judge granted the boy a voluntary departure order, which allowed the government to fly him home. □

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## Black voters energized amid outcry over polling places

By **ERRIN HAINES WHACK**  
and **BRINLEY HINEMAN**

**CUTHBERT, Ga. (AP)** — Officials in a predominantly black Georgia county fired a consultant amid widespread backlash to a proposal that would close most polling places in the area three months ahead of a potentially historic election. Consultant Mike Malone had advocated consolidating the polling sites after he was hired in April. Randolph County lawyer Tommy Coleman sent Malone a letter Wednesday ending the contract, according to a copy of the letter Coleman gave The Associated Press on Thursday.

Despite the firing, the Randolph County Board of Elections will still — for now — hold a vote Friday on whether to eliminate seven of the rural county's nine polling places ahead of this fall's pivotal midterm elections. Malone did not respond Thursday to a voice-mail seeking comment. County officials have said they're considering closing polling locations that are inaccessible to voters with disabilities, and argued they cannot afford to make the buildings compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. But critics say the closures will disenfranchise the county's electorate ahead of an election in which Stacey Abrams is attempting to become the country's first black female governor. Another black woman, Democrat Joyce Barlow, is running for a state legislative seat in an attempt to oust a white conservative who is a 35-year incumbent and a native of the area.

Abrams and her Republican opponent, Secretary



This combination of May 20, 2018, file photos shows Georgia gubernatorial candidates Stacey Abrams, left, and Brian Kemp in Atlanta.



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of State Brian Kemp, have opposed the measure. With a mostly African-American population of about 7,000, Randolph County is one of the state's smallest and poorest rural communities. The proposal has garnered national attention — and energized black voters to become more involved in the political process. On Wednesday, two days before the board of elections vote, residents gathered at the Stonehouse Restaurant to rally against the measure. Volunteers scrambled to collect 400 signatures — 20 percent of registered voters in the county — needed to block the vote. The ACLU of Georgia is threatening to sue, arguing that the burden of driving to the remaining polling places will fall disproportionately on black residents.

On Thursday, leaders of the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus and the Congressional Black Caucus strongly urged the county not to

go forward with the proposal. In a letter to Randolph County officials, the Congressional Black Caucus called the measure "a deliberate effort to disenfranchise an emerging and engaged demographic." "In light of the impending historic gubernatorial election in November, we are deeply concerned that the bedrock tenets of democracy would be under attack should this proposal be adopted and implemented," the letter said. Before a landmark Supreme Court ruling in 2013, an attempt to close polling places would have required approval from the federal government. At Wednesday's gathering, several longtime residents said the move is part of a well-worn pattern of voter suppression in the region. "There's a history of hassles in Randolph County," said Bobby Fuse, chairman of the Democratic Party of Georgia's Second Con-

gressional District, which includes Randolph County. "I guarantee you they thought it was going to be omitted and overlooked in southwest Georgia." Former Randolph County Schools Superintendent Bobby Jenkins discovered the proposed precinct closings on Aug. 8. Scanning the local newspaper's legal section with his magnifying glass, he came across the notice. "I said, this doesn't make any sense," Jenkins recalled. His wife, Naomi, said she is surprised by the national attention the proposal has received. She attributed the outcry to the "blatant" attempts to suppress voter turnout among blacks. "This is a tactic they've used since the '50s," said Naomi Jenkins, adding that the community's response has been "quite unusual for us." "We stay in our little places and we don't have much to say, plus we know everybody in town," she ex-

plained. "We were able to talk to people one on one, and we said it isn't fair and shouldn't happen. We have not come together on an issue like this in a long time." Many who gathered at the restaurant Wednesday were motivated by the region's long civil rights history. The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. waged an unsuccessful attempt to desegregate nearby Albany, Georgia, in the early 1960s — and was jailed in Sumter County. Several people spoke of their own efforts during the era and those of relatives, friends and others in the community to work for racial equality.

Sandra Willis recalled that her aunt was "run out of town" after attempting to register black voters during the 1950s, and that she was forced to go travel nearly 200 miles (320 kilometers) north to Atlanta for work. Willis said she was concerned about the possible closing of polling places. "I'm going to fight," she said. "I'm going to be a part of everything that goes on, because my aunt suffered in order for us to vote. I am not gonna stand by and let nobody hinder the work that she did. ... I would be a fool to let somebody take that away from this community." Hearing such comments heartened longtime resident Bertha Murphy, 76. Sitting at a table near the front of the room, she smiled, telling group members their energy was "something I've waited for years to see." "It's a new beginning for Randolph County," she said. "I know anything that we decide we want to do, we can do it, because the spirit is real." □



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By DAVID McFADDEN

Associated Press

ELLICOTT CITY, Md. (AP) —

Moving to safeguard the public after raging floodwaters engulfed a Maryland town's main street twice in two years, authorities have announced a plan to demolish roughly 5 percent of the buildings in the flood-prone historic district.

Howard County Executive Allan Kittleman delivered the broad outlines of a roughly \$50 million five-year flood mitigation plan Thursday at a news conference in Ellicott City's historic center. It calls for tearing down 10 ravaged properties on the hard-hit lower half of the former mill town's once-picturesque main street. That move will expand the flood plain for the next time waterways burst their banks — a sure thing as more intense rainstorms bear down due to climate change impacts.

"I wish we weren't here. But this is a change we need," said Kittleman, adding that some residential properties further up the hill will also need to be bulldozed to increase the size of culverts flowing into the district, about 13 miles (20 kilometers) west of Baltimore.

County Councilman Jon Weinstein said reshaping swaths of Old Ellicott City won't be easy but safeguarding lives in the coming months has to be the top priority. The lower part of main street where buildings will be torn down will be replaced with green space and a wider, deeper channel for tributaries flowing downhill.

"We don't want to lose another life because of catastrophic flooding here in town. We don't want Ellicott City's residents or busi-

nesses or visitors to be put at risk or fear every rain storm," he said.

Old Ellicott City became a soggy ghost town in May after floodwaters violently gutted shops and swept a visitor to his death. The treacherous flash flood occurred less than two years after a 2016 flood — at the time dubbed a 1-in-1000 year event — ravaged the old town situated in a ravine, destroying businesses and killing two people.

Ellicott City's main street has recently reopened to vehicles and foot traffic but numerous properties are boarded up and the strenuous task of picking up the pieces goes on. Businesses that did not sustain devastating damage have reopened their doors and are doing the best they can with what remains of the all-important summer season.

Lexi Milani, who owned a restaurant that was so ravaged after the 2016 flash flood that it never reopened, said she was "unbelievably sad" about the plans for razing properties on the hardest hit stretch of main street. But it's the sensible move after two deadly floods in less than two years, she said.

"I accept that changes must be made and the town must be envisioned anew after this second catastrophic event," Milani said Thursday.

At least one business owner whose property is marked for demolition is not entirely convinced that tearing down buildings is necessary.

Sally Fox Tennant, whose gutted crafts shop had its floors and inventory swept away in May, said authorities need to provide more support. □



The main street of the former mill town is damaged from May floodwaters that killed a visitor and caused shops to be gutted Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018, in Ellicott City, Md.

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## Hurricane Lane unleashes rain as it shifts closer to Hawaii

**HONOLULU (AP)** — Hurricane Lane soaked Hawaii's Big Island on Thursday, dumping nearly 20 inches of rain in nearly 24 hours as residents stocked up on supplies and tried to protect their homes ahead of the state's first hurricane since 1992.

The National Weather Service warned that Lane will get "perilously close" to Hawaii and that some areas could see up to 30 inches (about 80 centimeters) before the system passes.

Lane was not projected to make direct hit on the islands, but officials warned that even a lesser blow could do significant harm.

"You do not need a direct strike to have major impacts from a hurricane this strong," said Steve Goldstein, a meteorologist at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Washington.

The center of the Category 4 storm was predicted to move close to or over portions of the main islands later Thursday or Friday, bringing dangerous surf of 20 feet (6 meters) and a storm surge of up to 4 feet (1 meter), forecasters said. As of 11 a.m., the hurricane was about 275 miles (460 kilometers) south of Honolulu.

Lane "shifted a little closer to the islands, unfortunately," meteorologist Melissa Dye said. "Big Island and Maui are in the thick of it now."

As Lane moved closer to the islands, it was expected to weaken more rapidly and turn toward the west. But it was unknown exactly when that would happen, forecasters said.

Pablo Akira Beimler, who lives on the coast in Hono-kaa on the Big Island, said the road to Hilo was cut off due to landslides.

"Rain has been nonstop for the last half hour or so and winds are just starting to pick up," Beimler said as he posted videos of trees being blown sideways. "Our usually quiet stream is raging right now."

He said staying put is about the only choice he has.

"We essentially have one way in and out of our towns so sheltering in place is the priority," Beimler said in a Twitter message.

Two campers were reported trapped overnight in Waipio Valley, along the Big Island's northern coast. The campers called authorities Wednesday, but emergency crews could not mount a rescue operation.

"We can't go in because the roads — there's a river of water down there," said Hawaii County Managing Director Wil Okabe. Landslides had closed some roads.

In addition, there were reports of boulders falling into a park in Hilo on the east side of the island, Okabe said.



People, who declined to be named, fill up sand bags that will be used to help protect their home in preparation for Hurricane Lane, Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2018, along Ewa Beach in Honolulu.

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Shelters opened Wednesday on the Big Island and on the islands of Maui, Molokai and Lanai. Officials urged those needing the Molokai shelter to get there soon because of concerns that the main highway on the island's south coast could become impassable. On the island of Oahu, shelters were scheduled to open Thursday. Aid agencies were also working to help Hawaii's sizeable homeless population, many of whom live near beaches and streams that could flood.

Because there's not enough shelter space statewide, Hawaii Emergency Management Agency Administrator Tom Travis urged people who were not in flood zones to stay home. On the island of Lanai, it was eerily dead still and gray, said Nick Palumbo II, who owns Lanai Surf School and Safari.

"It's relatively like a regular

day," he said by telephone. "I got friends calling me telling me there's surf at the beach, and they're actually going surfing right now."

He won't be joining them and instead is staying home with his four children since there's no school.

Palumbo is prepared for the storm after boarding up one large window and stocking up on snack food. He's also got a freezer full of fish he's caught on dives and deer he's hunted on the island to last them through the storm.

"I don't have a generator, but I figure as things thaw out, if the electricity goes, we'll just get cooking," he said.

The central Pacific gets fewer hurricanes than other regions, with about only four or five named storms a year. Hawaii rarely gets hit. The last major storm to hit was Iniki in 1992. Others have come close in recent years.

Napua Puaoi of Wailuku, Maui, said she and her husband planned on boarding up their windows and sliding doors. She was 12 at the time of Hurricane Iniki.

"When it did happen, I just remember pandemonium. It was all-out craziness," she said.

Unlike Florida or Texas, where residents can get in their cars and drive hundreds of miles to safety, people in Hawaii are confined to the islands. They have to make sure they have enough supplies to outlast power outages and other potential emergencies.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency moved several barges packed with food, water, generators and other supplies into the region ahead of Hurricane Hector, which skirted past the islands more than a week ago, FEMA Administrator Brock Long said. □



# Autopsy finds Iowa student killed by 'sharp force injuries'

**BROOKLYN, Iowa (AP)** — The Iowa college student who was allegedly abducted by a stranger while running last month in a small Iowa town was killed by "multiple sharp force injuries," investigators announced Thursday.

Preliminary autopsy results from the state medical examiner's office also determined that 20-year-old Mollie Tibbetts was the victim of a homicide, the Division of Criminal Investigation announced in a press release.

The agency did not release additional details about the injuries Tibbetts suffered or what caused them, but said further examination of her body may result in additional findings. Autopsy reports are confidential under Iowa law, except for the cause and manner of death.

The man charged with first-degree murder in Tibbetts' death, Cristhian Bahena Rivera, allegedly led investigators to her body early Tuesday in a cornfield outside of Brooklyn, Iowa, the town where she was last seen last month. While investigators were confident then that the body was that of Tibbetts, the autopsy definitively confirmed her identity.

Prosecutors allege that Rivera abducted Tibbetts while she was out for an evening run in Brooklyn on July 18, killed her and disposed of her body in the secluded location.

A criminal complaint alleges that Rivera confessed during a lengthy interrogation that began Monday to following Tibbetts in his car, getting out on foot and chasing after her. Rivera told investigators that he panicked after Tibbetts threatened to call police on her cell phone, he blacked out and later came to when he was unloading her bloody body from the trunk of a car, it says.

Rivera worked for the last four years at a dairy farm a few miles from where Tibbetts was last seen. He and Tibbetts have no known connections, other than

that Rivera allegedly told investigators that he saw her running previously. Investigators zeroed in on him as the suspect after obtaining footage from surveillance cameras showing a vehicle connected to him circling the area of Tibbetts' running route.

Earlier this week, investigators said they were uncertain how Tibbetts was killed or whether she was sexually assaulted. They've made no mention of recovering a weapon linked to the death.

Rivera, a native of Mexico who is suspected of being in the U.S. illegally, made his initial court appearance Wednesday and is being jailed on a \$5 million cash-only bond. He faces life in prison without the possibility of parole if convicted.

Within hours of the arrest, President Donald Trump seized on the news that Rivera was allegedly in the country illegally and called for stricter immigration laws. And in an interview that aired Thursday, he told "Fox & Friends" that Tibbetts was a "beautiful young girl" killed by a "horrible person that came in from Mexico, illegally here."

Trump has claimed that people living in the U.S. illegally often commit crimes, but studies by social scientists and the libertarian Cato Institute reject that assertion. The studies show that states with higher shares of people living in the country illegally have lower violent crime rates.

The president also said the suspect was "found by" agents from Immigration and Customs Enforcement, an agency that some liberals have called for abolishing because of tactics they view as overly harsh. An ICE spokesman said Thursday that its agents worked with

state and local investigators in "identifying, locating and interviewing the suspect."

Division of Criminal Investigation spokesman Mitch Mortvedt agreed that ICE played a "significant role" in the case, particularly in helping confirm Rivera's identity and immigration status.

Rivera's defense attorney, Allan Richards, has denounced Trump for prejudging his client's guilt, saying the president's comments would make it hard for Rivera to get a fair trial.

"Let's let the process go," he said Thursday. "The process is about truth-finding in a rational, peaceful and efficient manner. We're only at the very preliminary stages." □



A poster for missing University of Iowa student Mollie Tibbetts hangs in the window of a local business, Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2018, in Brooklyn, Iowa.

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# Rights official: Italy is unjustly holding migrants on boat

By **FRANCES D'EMILIO**

**Associated Press**

**ROME (AP)** — A delegation from Italy's rights office on Thursday visited the 150 migrants who have been kept onboard a coast guard vessel for days and concluded they were being held unjustly.

The comments challenge Italy's anti-migrant interior minister, who has declared that no migrants whom he considers "illegal" will set foot in a Sicilian port.

Daniela de Robert, the rights delegation chief, spoke after a three-hour visit aboard the Italian coast guard vessel Diciotti, which is docked in Catania on the Mediterranean island of Sicily.

She told Sky TG24 TV that the migrants on the boat come from countries that could make them eligible for international protection. She said nearly 90 percent are from Eritrea, while the others are from Syria, Sudan and Somalia.

"We found what we thought



Migrants wait to disembark from Italian Coast Guard ship Diciotti in the port of Catania, Italy, Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018.

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we'd find: persons deprived of freedom without any measure from judicial authorities," the Italian news agency ANSA quoted her as saying.

She described the situation

as a rights violation that would be brought to the attention of prosecutors in Sicily.

The office's formal title is "national guarantor of the rights of persons detained

or deprived of personal liberty."

The Diciotti rescued the migrants on Aug. 16 after they set sail from Libya in an unseaworthy boat launched by human traf-

fickers. Shortly after the rescue at sea, 13 people with health problems, including children, were evacuated to a hospital. On Wednesday night, 27 unaccompanied minors, all teenagers, were allowed to disembark in Catania following an appeal by a juvenile court judge.

A psychologist who met with the minors said many were males from Eritrea who had been detained for long periods in Libya.

"One boy couldn't see well, he constantly was trying to focus when his eyes were hit by light," said Nathalie Leiba, a psychologist with Doctors without Borders. The boy explained that he had been kept for a year in darkness.

Interior Minister Matteo Salvini on Thursday described those aboard as "illegal immigrants," and said they won't be allowed to step foot on Italian soil. Instead, he insisted fellow European Union nations take in some of the asylum-seekers. □

# Man kills mother, sister; France sees no apparent terror tie

By **JOHN LEICESTER**

**ELAINE GANLEY**

**TRAPPES, France (AP)** — A man with severe psychiatric problems killed his mother and sister and seriously injured another woman in a knife attack Thursday in a town near Paris, officials said.

French police shot and killed the man soon afterward.

The Islamic State group, which has a history of opportunistic claims, swiftly claimed responsibility for the attack.

French authorities weren't currently treating the morning knife attack in Trappes, west of Paris, as a terrorism case, Interior Minister Gerard Collomb said after visiting the scene. He noted the attacker suffered from serious mental health issues although he had also been flagged for glorifying terrorism.

However, officials were not ruling out a terrorism link in the early stage of the investigation. The prosecutor's



Police officers stand guard after a knife attack Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018 in Trappes, west of Paris.

**Associated Press**

office in Versailles, handling the case, said in a statement Thursday evening that motive for the killings "remains uncertain."

Interior Ministry spokesman Frederic de Lanouvelle said until the investigation ad-

vances it won't be clear "100 percent" whether the attack at the family home was strictly a family drama or was linked to terrorism.

Collomb said the man killed his mother at her home and stabbed the other women

outside. Still wielding the knife, he then ignored police warnings and was shot and killed, the minister said. He described the man as "unstable, rather than someone who was engaged, someone who

could respond, for example, to orders and instructions from a terrorist organization, in particular from Daesh (Islamic State)."

Said Segreg, a long-time friend of the attacker named him as Kamel Salhi, 36. He said Salhi had no obvious problems, didn't abuse drugs or alcohol and wasn't fervently religious.

A government official confirmed Salhi's name and age, speaking on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to discuss such details publicly.

Salhi was divorced and living with his mother, said Adama Traore, another acquaintance in Trappes. Investigators remained at the scene hours after the slayings, taking a bag and satchels from the home.

"It seems, but I can't confirm 100 percent because the investigation is continuing ... that this affair is more a family drama than a terrorist attack," spokesman de Lanouvelle said on the C-News television station. □



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## UK govt says 'no-deal' Brexit would mean red tape, expense

By JILL LAWLESS  
Associated Press

**LONDON (AP)** — Businesses could face red tape at the border, customers could see higher credit card fees, patients could endure delays to medical treatment and there could even be a sperm shortage if Britain leaves the European Union next year without a deal, the U.K. government acknowledged Thursday. But Prime Minister Theresa May's Conservative government vowed it would limit the instability that could be triggered by a disorderly Brexit, releasing documents outlining its plans to cope.

Even if Britain crashes out of the bloc next year without a trade deal, its plans include unilaterally accepting some EU rules and giving EU financial services firms continued access to the U.K. market.

Brexit Secretary Dominic Raab said Britain was determined to "manage the risks and embrace the opportunities" of Brexit.

"We have made clear that if negotiations don't achieve the optimum outcome, we will continue to be a responsible European neighbor and partner," he said in a speech Thursday to business leaders in London.

With seven months until Britain leaves the EU on March 29, negotiations on divorce terms and future trade have bogged down amid infighting within May's divided government about how close an economic relationship to seek with the EU.



Britain's Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union, Dominic Raab delivers speech outlining government's plans no-deal Brexit in London, Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018.

Associated Press

The government insists it's confident of getting a deal, but is preparing for all outcomes. On Thursday it published the first 25 of more than 70 papers covering "no-deal" planning for sectors including financial services, medicines and nuclear materials. The rest are to be released by the end of September.

The documents urge people and businesses not to be alarmed, and say the government will work to "minimize any disruption to the economy."

The papers say Britain will allow EU financial services firms continued "passporting" rights to operate in the U.K. for up to three years, even if no agreement is reached with the EU — although it can't guarantee that the bloc will let U.K.

companies operate there. That could leave British retirees living in EU countries unable to receive their pensions.

Raab said Britain would take "unilateral action to maintain as much continuity as possible" and insisted that "for the vast majority of consumers in this country, there's not going to be much change at all."

He dismissed alarming headlines suggesting the U.K. could run out of sandwich supplies and other staples because of economic barriers between Britain and the EU, its biggest trading partner.

"You will still be able to enjoy a BLT after Brexit," Raab said. But the documents reveal the possible scale of disruption to the British economy and daily life that

could follow Brexit.

Britain will need new regulatory bodies to carry out functions currently done by the EU, and British businesses that now trade freely with the bloc will face new paperwork if there is no deal.

For goods going to and coming in from the EU, "an import declaration will be required, customs checks may be arrived out and any customs duties must be paid," one document says. And one of the thorniest questions — how to maintain an open border, free of customs posts, between EU member Ireland and the U.K.'s Northern Ireland — remains unanswered.

"We will provide more information in due course," is all the documents say.

The government said the

U.K. will recognize EU standards for testing medicines, so drugs from the bloc won't need to be re-tested in the U.K. But new drugs and treatments would still need approval from the U.K. medicines regulator before they could be sold in Britain.

Steve Bates, chief executive of the U.K. Bioindustry Association, said that meant British patients "would get access to new therapies later than other countries in Europe."

Brexit could also affect the supply of semen for fertility treatment, the papers say. Almost half of Britain's donor sperm currently comes from EU member Denmark. If there's no deal, Britain will be outside the EU's directive on organs, tissues and cells, and U.K. fertility clinics will need to strike new written agreements with their suppliers.

The papers reveal that British organic farmers won't be able to export their produce to the EU unless the bloc certifies U.K. standards — a process that can't start until after Brexit and takes nine months. And the widely recognized organic logo plastered across everything from vegetables to beef belongs to the EU, so U.K. producers will no longer be able to use it.

Cigarette packaging also will have to be redesigned, because the EU holds the copyright on the photos of diseased lungs and other off-putting images emblazoned on the packs.

And millions of Britons could find online shopping more expensive. □



# Irish church's fall from grace haunts pope's Ireland trip

By NICOLE WINFIELD  
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Associated Press

**BLESSINGTON, Ireland (AP)** — When St. John Paul II visited Ireland in 1979, the Catholic Church wielded such power that homosexuality, divorce, abortion and contraception were barely spoken of, much less condoned. Catholic bishops had advised the authors of Ireland's constitution, and still held sway. Today, as Pope Francis prepares to visit, the Catholic Church enjoys no such influence.

As once-isolated Ireland experienced a tide of secularism and economic boom that opened it to the world, the church largely lost its centrality in Irish life. Then the church — while still maintaining a stronghold on education and health care in Ireland — lost its moral credibility following revelations of the widespread sexual abuse of children in its churches, the physical torture of youngsters in its schools and the humiliation of women in its workhouses.



Tourists pose for photos with a newly unveiled wax work of Pope Francis ahead of Pope Francis' visit to Ireland, in Dublin, Thursday Aug. 23, 2018.

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If that weren't enough, an amateur Irish historian researching the deaths of some 800 youngsters discovered a mass grave in a sewage area at a church-run orphanage where the children had been sent. Their sin for being exiled to the home and buried in

an unmarked grave? The shame of having been born to an unwed mother. Francis will be confronted with that haunting past when he visits Ireland this weekend to close out the Vatican's big Catholic family rally. The event, scheduled three years ago, had been aimed at boosting the church's visibility and voice, but a fresh wave of scandal across the Atlantic has overshadowed the visit.

"I have no trouble nailing my colors to the mast that I am a practicing Catholic," said Carmel Dillon, principal of St. Mary's junior school in the picturesque town of Blessington, southwest of Dublin. "However, it is becoming more difficult in circles to state that you are a Catholic."

Ahead of the visit, a "Say Nope to the Pope" campaign has attracted a strong following and peaceful protests have been planned. Posters were put up around Dublin featuring an upside-down Holy See flag to "depict the lifelong suffering and anguish that clerical sexual abuse has left."

Vatican spokesman Greg Burke said Francis knows well that "any trip to Ireland was not only going to be about the family." But he said family life would still be

the focus, even if Francis will be meeting with abuse victims during his 36-hour visit.

Cardinal Kevin Farrell, the Irish-born, U.S.-raised official in charge of Catholic families at the Vatican, said he expected that Francis would speak out about all kinds of abuses suffered by the Irish, including families who lost children during "the troubles," Northern Ireland's decades-long bloody sectarian conflict.

"I do not think that these wounds are easily healed," Farrell told the AP. "I do think, though, that it's time for the church once again to make itself known, in a new image of the church. An image that's more open, more caring, more understanding of the reality of the lives of people today."

That is not the Catholic Church of Ireland's past. Over the last 10 years, a series of government-initiated investigations have uncovered the horrific secrets that the Irish church had long sought to bury, like the remains of children at the Bon Secours mother and baby home in Tuam, County Galway.

The reports have detailed how tens of thousands of children suffered wide-ranging abuses in church-run workhouse-style insti-

tutions, how Irish bishops shuttled known pedophiles around the country and to unwitting parishes in the U.S. and Australia, and how Dublin bishops didn't tell police of any crimes by clerics until forced to by lawsuits in the mid-1990s.

The Irish church eventually unveiled a policy requiring the mandatory reporting of all suspected sex crimes to police, but the policy was rejected by the Vatican in 1997.

That position, combined with the Vatican's refusal to cooperate in the fact-finding probes, prompted one of the inquiries to find the Vatican itself culpable in promoting a culture of cover-up.

In response, Ireland's then-Prime Minister Enda Kenny issued a blistering attack on the Vatican in Parliament in 2011, accusing it of downplaying the rape of children to protect its own power and reputation.

Kenny's speech, in which he denounced "the dysfunction, disconnection, elitism ... the narcissism that dominate the culture of the Vatican to this day," led to a diplomatic standoff that only really ended when Ireland re-opened the Vatican embassy in 2014 after closing it for nearly three years.

Irish academics see Kenny's speech as the final nail in the coffin of the once-symbiotic relationship of church and state that had so characterized Irish life.

It was "a moment that encapsulated the fall from grace of an institution which had hitherto been culturally indistinguishable from Ireland as a nation," according to the 2017 book "Tracing the Cultural Legacy of Irish Catholicism: From Galway to Cloyne and Beyond."

In the years since Kenny's speech, Irish voters have overturned the country's constitutional ban on abortion and legalized same-sex marriage. And in the years after John Paul's 1979 visit, Ireland decriminalized homosexuality and legalized contraception and divorce. □



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# South Africa blasts Trump over racially divisive tweet

By KRISTA MAHR

Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG (AP) —

South Africa's government lashed out at President Donald Trump on Thursday after he tweeted that his administration would be looking into farm seizures and the "large scale killing of farmers" in the country.

The government said Trump's tweet was based on "false information" and reflected a "narrow perception which only seeks to divide our nation and reminds us of our colonial past." It was meeting with the U.S. Embassy as it sought to clarify Trump's remarks.

South Africa is in the throes of a racially charged national debate over land reform, a lawful process that seeks to correct the legacy of decades of white minority rule that stripped blacks of their land.

Today, nearly a quarter-century after the first democratic elections, black South Africans comprise 80 percent of the population but own just 4 percent of the country's land, according to the government.

Though the ruling African National Congress, which has been in power since 1994, has pledged to close that gap, progress has been slow. In July, President Cyril Ramaphosa said his party would amend the constitution so the state could expropriate land without compensation to



In this photo taken Oct. 30, 2017 people place white crosses, representing farmers killed in the country, at a ceremony at the Voortrekker Monument in Pretoria, South Africa.

Associated Press

speed up the land reform process.

Debate over the issue has grown ahead of next year's election.

Trump's tweet followed a segment on Fox News on Wednesday in which host Tucker Carlson claimed Ramaphosa had already started "seizing land from his own citizens without compensation because they are the wrong skin color," calling the alleged seizures "immoral."

Though South Africa's constitution has not yet been amended and the government has not seized any major agricultural land, the prospect has sent panic through some white farming communities who worry the policy will strip them

of their land, cause land prices to plummet or make them the target of potentially violent land seizures.

For years, a small but vocal group of white South Africans have claimed white farmers are the target of violent, racially motivated farm attacks.

Experts say the attacks reflect the country's generally high crime rate and that there is no evidence connecting them to victims' race.

Farm murders have been declining since their peak in 2001, according to research by Agri SA, an umbrella group of South African agricultural associations. In 2016-17, there were 74 murders during farm attacks, according to Af-

rica Check, compared to 19,000 murders across the country in the same period. "People are not being targeted because of their race, but because they are vulnerable and isolated on the farms," said Gareth Newham, head of the crime and justice program at the Institute for Security Studies in the capital, Pretoria.

"There is no white genocide in South Africa," Julius Malema, leader of the opposition Economic Freedom Fighters party, told reporters. "There is black genocide in the USA; black people are killed every day. There is a black genocide here in South Africa; just recently a farmer was convicted for the murder of a black farmer."

Trump's tweet did find some supporters.

AfriForum, a group that represents some white South African interests, welcomed his comments. In May, its leaders went to the U.S. to lobby institutions and politicians about Ramaphosa's proposal to expropriate land and the alleged targeting of white farmers.

Earlier this month the group posted a list of farms it said were earmarked for expropriation, a list that the government said was fake.

"Everyone in South Africa should hope that the pressure from the USA will lead to the (ruling party) reconsidering the disastrous route that they want to take South Africa on," AfriForum's CEO Kallie Kriel said in a statement on Thursday. AfriForum and other critics say the government's proposal to expropriate land without compensation could lead to economic disaster, pointing to the collapse of the agricultural sector in neighboring Zimbabwe after the government of former President Robert Mugabe began seizing white-owned farms, sometimes violently, in 2000.

"We are going to take back the land and we'll do it by any means necessary," said Lindsay Maasdorp, national spokesman for Black First Land First, a group that condones land seizures in South Africa. □



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# Brazilian presidential candidate considers skipping debates

By MAURICIO SAVARESE

Associated Press

**SAO PAULO (AP)** — A leading right-wing presidential candidate in Brazil appeared to backtrack Thursday on his initial decision to skip all seven remaining debates before the Oct. 7 election, saying that he may participate in three. Earlier, an attorney for Congressman Jair Bolsonaro said that the candidate would not attend the remaining debates because they did not add to the race.

After a campaign event in the countryside of Sao Paulo state, the congressman later said he could not "lose contact with the people."

"I can't be in a studio, there are 40 days to the election," Bolsonaro told journalists. He said he wouldn't attend all the debates, but his "idea" was to make an appearance at some.

The public vacillation comes after a poll showed a spike in the number of



National Social Liberal Party presidential candidate Jair Bolsonaro leaves the cemetery after attending burial of soldier Fabiano de Oliveira dos Santos in Japeri, Brazil, Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2018.

Associated Press

Brazilians who wouldn't vote for Bolsonaro under any circumstances following two recent TV debates. Bolsonaro's performances were loved by hardcore fans, but were criticized by

moderate politicians and voters who he needs to win over. The congressman was only mildly targeted on both occasions by seven opponents.

A Datafolha poll published

Wednesday shows jailed former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva with support among 39 percent of those surveyed, but he is likely to be barred from seeking office because of a corrup-

tion conviction. He denies any wrongdoing and was not allowed to participate in the debates despite leading the polls.

Bolsonaro is running second at 19 percent, which is far ahead of former Sao Paulo Mayor Fernando Haddad, who is da Silva's likely replacement and choice for vice president.

The same Datafolha poll said 39 percent of voters would never choose Bolsonaro. It also showed that 43 percent of women wouldn't support him, a major concern for the congressman in a country where females comprise 52 percent of the electorate.

During both debates, Bolsonaro argued that free market policies, not the government, should regulate how much women are paid. The Datafolha poll, which has margin of error of 2 percentage points, was based on interviews with 8,433 people between Aug. 20 and 21. □

# Argentine authorities carry out raids at Fernandez's homes

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**BUENOS AIRES, Argentina**

**(AP)** — Argentine authorities carried out raids at homes owned by former President Cristina Fernandez on Thursday as part of a case investigating widespread corruption.

Fernandez, who is now a senator, has been accused of orchestrating a bribe scheme in the granting of public works contracts that has ensnared many of Argentina's former officials and business elite.

She was among the 67 senators who approved the raids on three of her own properties late Wednesday following a request by a federal judge.

But it was unclear what investigators hoped to find as they searched in an apartment located in the Argentine capital with the assistance of a K-9 unit.

A crowd of journalists, curious onlookers and supporters of the ex-president gath-



Police enter the home of Senator and Former President Cristina Fernandez, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018.

Associated Press

ered outside while at least a dozen police officers and other authorities wearing white jumpsuits and blue latex gloves looked through the residence. Authorities later arrived at one of Fernandez's homes in southern

Santa Cruz province.

The alleged scheme is based on an investigation by a local newspaper into corruption during the administrations of Fernandez and her late husband, Nestor Kirchner. The inves-

tigation found that someone who helped deliver bags of cash to former officials in exchange for public contracts from 2005 to 2015 kept detailed notebooks. Fernandez's private address and the presiden-

tial residence were allegedly among the places the money was sent.

Under a plea bargain agreement, several businessmen have admitted to paying bribes, and so far, at least 16 people have been arrested in the case. They include leaders of construction companies and former officials who served in Fernandez's 2007-2015 administration.

Fernandez's senatorial seat gives her immunity from prosecution. She denies any wrongdoing and says that she is being politically persecuted by a judge influenced by President Mauricio Macri to distract Argentines from the country's economic turmoil.

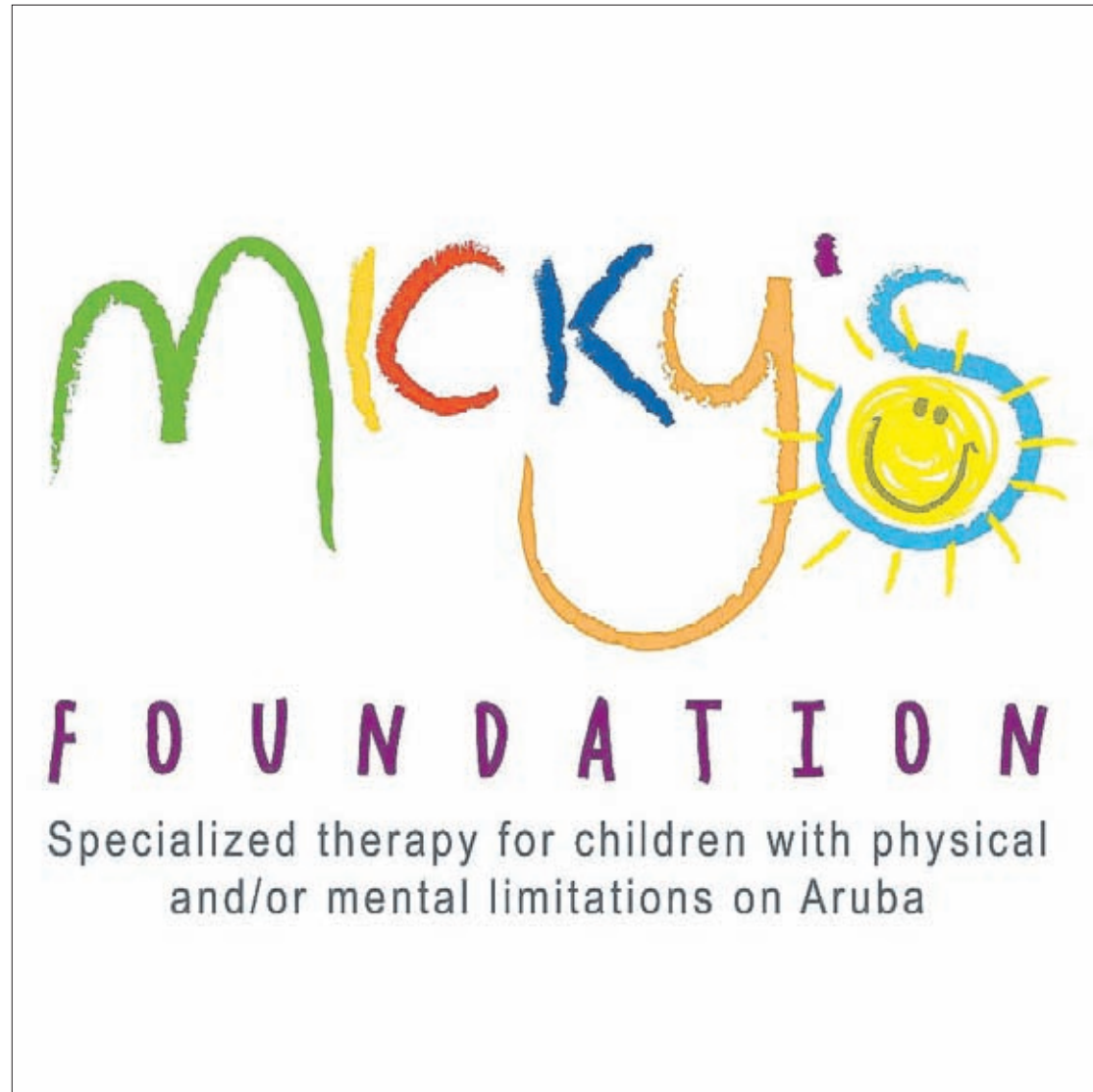
Argentina has one of the world's highest inflation rates and Macri's administration has been forced to seek out a financing deal with the International Monetary Fund following a sharp devaluation of its peso currency. □



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## Micky's Foundation helps Little Miss Sunshine



**ORANJESTAD —** Aruba Today had the honor to meet a little girl named Isla. With her beautiful big eyes and a smile that lights up an entire room we can easily call her "Little Miss Sunshine". Isla was born premature and 5 days later, Isla was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy (CP). Micky's Foundation was founded in 2014 and their objective is to be able to provide specialized and intensive therapy at the homes of the children, for free. Since 2014 they have organized 10 projects. Inger Ruight a pre-verbal pediatric therapist and Esther van Schelden an ergo therapist from Holland are on the island and working with Micky's Foundation and are part of project # 10. They both have been working very close to Little Miss Sunshine, Isla.

Cerebral Palsy is disorder that affects muscle tone,

movement, and motor skills (the ability to move in a coordinated and purposeful way). It is usually caused by brain damage that happens before or during a baby's birth, or during the first 3 to 5 years of a child's life. We can only imagine how heartbreaking that must have been for her parents. But Isla could not have asked for better parents. The love of daddy Juan and mommy Tatiana for her is unconditional and they go day-by-day doing their utmost to provide Isla with a better life. Isla is developing greatly. She likes to eat a lot. Popcorn and cookies are her favorites. What a beautiful sound of voice she has. She enlightened us with her favorite song "head, shoulder, knees and toes". Isla can count perfectly from 1 to 10. This adorable girl can communicate in 4 languages. She's quite a

clever girl. All this would not have been possible without the efforts of her parents of course but also thanks to a wonderful foundation that is giving them a helping hand in her development. We live on an island where medical resources for chil-

dren with severe medical conditions is limited. But fortunately this island is filled with loving and caring people that go the extra mile to help in any way they can. Gijs Rooijer is one of these people. Rooijer experienced a life changing incident when his son Micky, who was only five-months-old at the time, was involved in a severe accident when a drunk driver crashed into their car. Micky survived the accident, but due to the severity of the brain injury he will remain with only 40% of his brain capacity for the rest of his life. Because of the limited resources on the island, Rooijer had to work with what he had and make the best of it. This also gave him the idea to start a Foundation that could offer as much help as possible to parents and children going thru such medical conditions. Each project consists of helping between 20-25 children. For each project, they seek for therapist such as pediatric physiotherapist, pre verbal speech therapist and pediatric ergo therapist willing to come to the island for 2 to 3 months and provide their expertise in order to help these children. The foundation has provided special-

ized therapy to 73 children since 2015. The projects of Micky's Foundation are 100% sponsored by the community. Together with the parents they form a support group to help each other in periods of their lives which are characterized by despair, distress, a general lack of information and solitude.

The main focus of the pre-verbal pediatric therapist and the ergo therapist is helping the children by providing them with opportunities to develop at their own pace. They both know the circumstances on the island before they arrive, but for them it's important to work with whatever tool is available at that moment without having to set aside the children's development. They use their knowledge and techniques to help Isla develop as much as possible. Isla has been taught to use her hands more, taught how to eat with a fork and is able now to work on an I-pad. They have installed several apps that makes it possible for the parents of Isla to help her and at the same time understand what Isla wants.

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The apps are also perfect to help Isla develop her speech. Inger and Esther are not only giving the right therapy to the children but they also provide the parents with as much information as possible on how to continue helping and practicing with their kids after they leave. Seeing that they have to visit over 20-25 children each week it's impossible to spend much time with each of them; so the involvement of the parents during therapy is very important. The system we have here in which the children are able to receive therapy at their home is according to Inger and Esther more beneficial compared to their work place in Holland which is a school where the parents bring their children to every morning and the therapists only see their parents maybe once a month. Here the children are being treated in their own environment surrounded by their family and in their comfort zone which is great for their development. The way they

do their work and the love that they spread towards these children is admirable. Leaving your country and your family behind in order to provide help to children in need on an island where things are limited is worthy of admiration and respect.

In order to provide continuity of the program, Micky's Foundation will be starting project # 11 on October 15, 2018 with 2 experienced therapist (pre-verbal speech therapist & pediatric therapist). For 2019 they have plans for 4 projects. If everything goes according to plan they will be receiving a considerable donation by the end of this year of 10-15 orthopedic tools that will be loaned to the children in order to help in their development at home. These are tools that are not available on the island.

For more information on the developments of Isla and all other children visit their Facebook page Micky's Foundation Aruba. □



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Lissy Lampe, wedding planner and coordinator for her own company Ceremonies & Celebrations in Aruba, was the person in charge of this grand event. The wedding registration process was quite easy. Anyone, local or tourist, who wanted to be part of this event were able to register on the Aruba Tourism Authority website. There were couples from the U.S., Italy and a few more countries. This event had been advertised on social media since

last year November. This way couples could plan their vacation around this ceremony. Last year, there were 160 couples.

Their expectations were surpassed this year, and some record, somewhere\_ for the most couples renewing their vows on a beautiful beach and azure blue Caribbean sea\_ has been broken for sure.

A feat of such magnitude is not easy pull off. There are over 400 people, accompanied by their families and friends \_ imagine a mini-concert on the beach.

This happening brought tremendous promotion for Aruba. Headline News has been covering it as well. Aruba has been presented on TV so viewers from around the world were able to witness this event. There were also several bridal magazines present to cover for this event. Plans for a 3rd edition of "Aruba, I Do" are already in the works. □



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# Latin America and the Caribbean Holds to a Path of Moderate Growth



**MEXICO** — In an international context marked by uncertainty and volatility, the economies of Latin America and the Caribbean will grow 1.5% on average in 2018, thanks to a rebound in domestic demand, private consumption especially, and a slight increase in investment, ECLAC indicated in a new annual report.

Latin America and the Caribbean 2018 – one of the organization's most traditional publications, issued uninterruptedly since the year of its founding (1948) – was released today during a press conference at ECLAC's Subregional Headquarters in Mexico, in Mexico City, by its Executive Secretary, Alicia Bárcena.

The Economic Survey of According to the docu-

ment, overall average growth in the region – the projection of which declined by seven-tenths versus the last estimate provided by the organization in April – maintains a positive trend, despite showing signs of slowing. As on previous occasions, there is great heterogeneity among the various countries and subregions, since South America is expected to grow 1.2% in 2018, while Central America will notch 3.4% growth and the Caribbean 1.7%. With regard to countries, the Dominican Republic and Panama will lead the region's growth, with increases in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of 5.4% and 5.2%, respectively, followed by Paraguay (4.4%), Bolivia (4.3%), Antigua and Barbuda (4.2%), and Chile and Honduras (both with 3.9%).

The Economic Survey adds that this regional growth is occurring in a complex global scenario, characterized by trade disputes between the United States, China and other nations; growing geopolitical risks; a decline in capital flows toward emerging markets in the last few months and a rise in sovereign risk levels; depreciations of local currencies against the dollar; and a global economic expansion that is tending to lose momentum.

The report indicates that Latin America's tax collection will hold steady in 2018 at around 17.8% of GDP (versus the 17.9% recorded in 2017), while average inflation will remain within expected values (6.5% to June versus the 5.3% seen in 2017, excluding Venezuela). Meanwhile, the regional urban unemployment rate has stopped growing and is forecast at 9.2%, just below the 9.3% seen last year, thanks to greater creation of salaried employment (1.4% in the first quarter of 2018, after totaling 0.3% in 2017).

"Our region continues to grow, although at a slower pace than what was projected several months ago,

despite international turbulence. That is positive but it demands that we redouble our efforts to prompt a re-activation, without resorting to excessive fiscal adjustments. Regional integration can play an important role here, and we must aim in that direction," said the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Alicia Bárcena.

In this edition, ECLAC's report dedicates the majority of its chapters to a profound analysis of the evolution of investment in Latin America and the Caribbean between 1995 and 2017, with its stylized facts, main determinants and policy challenges. It indicates that the region has increased its investment levels in the last two decades, closing the existing gap with other regions of the world. It warns, however, that additional efforts are needed to promote the productive linkages of this investment and thereby bolster economic growth.

The Survey indicates that between 1995 and 2017, gross fixed capital formation (fixed investment) rose from 18.5% to 20.2% as a proportion of the region's GDP, even though starting in 2012 investment momentum has tended to decelerate. This behavior reflects three economic cycles in this period: from 1995 to 2002, 2003 to 2008, and 2009 to 2017. The study adds that the construction sector had the greatest participation in investment in the time frame analyzed, with 67.5% of total investment. Nonetheless, machinery and equipment appear as the most dynamic component in that period, since investment in that area went from representing 4.7% of GDP in 1995-2003 to 8.1% in 2010-2016. "This is positive for the region, since it allows for incorporating greater technological content and laying the foundations for improving productivity and sustaining growth," the report indicates. □



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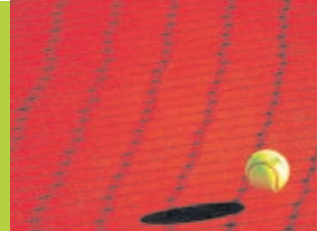
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# SPORTS



Ohio State football coach Urban Meyer answers questions during a news conference in Columbus, Ohio, Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2018.

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## By keeping it in the family, Urban Meyer tarnishes legacy

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Football Writer  
Football coaches talk a lot about creating a family atmosphere in their programs.

They walk into the homes of teenagers and tell the loved ones of each recruit: We'll make him not only a better player, but a better person.

College football media guides are filled with coaching staff bios accompanied by photos with smiling wives and children. Players call the team a brotherhood. Coaches' wives bond over the shared experience of an unorthodox and transient life. They become team moms.

All of this makes sense. As seriously as we take college football — too seriously, clearly — we're talking about unpaid 18-22 year olds playing a game. This business doesn't need to be all business. But what has transpired over the last three weeks at Ohio State is a lesson to all coaches. Your football program is not a family.

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## EVEN STEVEN



## Johnson, Koepka open strong as Woods gets off to even start

Tiger Woods reacts after his shot from the 12th hole fairway rolled back off the green during first round of the Northern Trust golf tournament, Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018, in Paramus, N.J.

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# Serena, Venus Williams could meet in U.S. Open 3rd round

By BRIAN MAHONEY

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Serena and Venus Williams could be headed toward their earliest Grand Slam meeting in 20 years, facing a potential third-round match-up at the U.S. Open.

If the sisters do play each other, the winner might face No. 1-ranked Simona Halep in the fourth round.

That section of the women's bracket, and a possible Roger Federer-Novak Djokovic quarterfinal showdown in the men's, provided the most intrigue when the brackets were revealed at Thursday's draw for the last major of the year.

This marks Serena's return to Flushing Meadows after missing the hard-court tournament in 2017 — she gave birth to her daughter last Sept. 1.

The 36-year-old American has won six of her 23 Grand Slam titles at the U.S. Open and was given the No. 17 seed by the U.S. Tennis Association — nine places above her current ranking.



Defending champions Rafael Nadal and Sloane Stevens pose with the tournament's trophies during the reveal of the 2018 U.S. Open draw in New York, Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018.

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Venus, who won five of her seven Grand Slam singles trophies in New York, is ranked and seeded 16th. She faces a tricky first-round match against Svetlana Kuznetsova, whose two major championships include the 2004 U.S. Open.

Kuznetsova was given a wild-card entry for the tournament, where main-draw play begins Monday.

Serena's opener comes against 60th-ranked Magda Linette of Poland. Should the Williams siblings both make it to the third round,

they would play each other at a Grand Slam tournament sooner than they have since Venus beat Serena in the second round at the 1998 Australian Open — their very first head-to-head match on tour.

They've gone on to play a

total of 29 times — Serena leads 17-12 — and that includes nine all-in-the-family Grand Slam finals, most recently at the 2017 Australian Open. In the men's field, No. 1-ranked and defending champion Rafael Nadal opens against David Ferrer in an all-Spanish rematch of their 2013 French Open final. No. 2 Federer plays Japan's Yoshihito Nishioka in the first round.

Federer lost in the quarterfinals last year and this time in that round could face No. 6 seed Djokovic, the Wimbledon champion who beat him two weeks ago in a tuneup and is considered a tournament favorite after having to miss it last year because of injury.

Nadal, however, isn't sure there is one.

"Of course Novak and Roger, they are doing very well and especially they like the hard courts," he said during the draw ceremony by the Hudson River in Lower Manhattan. "Let's see. Let's see what's going on." □

## URBAN MEYER

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Urban Meyer treating Zach Smith like family almost cost one of the most accomplished coaches in college football his job. A case can be made that it should have. Instead, Meyer is suspended for the first three games this season.

It's OK to run your football program as a family right up until the point when it gets dysfunctional. When families are confronted with a troubled or troublesome relative, they tend to close ranks. They search for solutions within and often look to mom and dad to clean up the mess. Meyer thought he knew best how to handle Smith, a former player for him and the grandson of his mentor, the late Ohio State coach Earle Bruce.

Instead of acting like the vice president in charge of football for THE Ohio State University, and protecting the employer that pays him millions to be the face of a \$7 billion institution, Meyer's instinct was to shield his family.

"As I reflect, my loyalty to his grandfather likely impacted the way I treated Zach Smith," Meyer said Wednesday night, part of a dispassionate reading of a statement. "I should have demanded more from him and recognized red flags." The red flags started in 2009 when Zach Smith was arrested in Gainesville, Florida, where he was working for Meyer and the Gators. Smith allegedly picked up his pregnant wife, Courtney, and threw her against a wall. He denies that.

The family closed ranks. Courtney decided not to press charges. Meyer and his wife sent the couple for counseling and came away doubtful of her allegations, according to the report delivered by independent investigators into Meyer's handling of domestic violence allegations against Zach Smith.

After Meyer hired Smith at Ohio State in 2011, one thing after another could have led to Smith being fired for simply being bad at his job. The investigation called it a "pattern of trou-



Ohio State football coach Urban Meyer, right, answers questions as athletic director Gene Smith and university President Michael Drake, left, listen during a news conference in Columbus, Ohio, Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2018.

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bling behavior."

Smith brought a high school coach to a strip club while on a recruiting trip. Meyer warned him to not do it again.

Smith had credit cards declined when setting up recruiting trips and was delinquent in paying for other expenses. Meyer said he vaguely remembered those issues.

While Smith's marriage was falling apart, his performance at work suffered. He was late and

no-showed on some responsibilities, the report said. Meyer's boss, athletic director Gene Smith, recommended Smith be fired. He wasn't.

In 2016, Meyer directed Zach Smith into a drug treatment facility. Meyer did not tell Gene Smith about this — or that 2009 arrest in Florida.

So it should be no surprise when confronted with allegations Zach Smith physically assaulted his wife in 2015, Meyer merely scold-

ed Smith and threatened to fire him if Meyer found out he hit Courtney Smith. Charges were never filed. Last month, Meyer finally fired Zach Smith after Courtney Smith received a protective order against her ex-husband. According to investigators, Meyer texted his agent that his plan for Big Ten media day was to keep the reasons in-house. "I will not tell media," Meyer wrote.

The text Meyer got back from his agent: only "a matter of time before he did something that did substantial harm to you or the program."

Too late. "While we do not doubt that Coach Meyer respects women and is dedicated to fostering an environment of respect for women in his program," the report said, "his apparent blind spot for Zach Smith seems to have impaired his judgment and his management of the behavior of at least one of his assistants." That blind spot now leaves a permanent mark on Meyer's legacy. □



# 4-way tie for lead at Northern Trust as Woods stalls

By DOUG FERGUSON

**PARAMUS, N.J. (AP)** — Tiger Woods failed to carry any momentum he had from his last tournament into the start of the FedEx Cup play-offs.

Neither did Sean O'Hair. That was only good news for one of them Thursday in The Northern Trust.

O'Hair missed the cut last week and saw his FedEx Cup standing slip to No. 121, meaning he has to play well this week or his season is over. His immediate goal is to advance to the third stage of events because the BMW Championship is at Aronimink outside Philadelphia, where O'Hair is a member.

He drilled a 3-wood from 284 yards to 6 feet for eagle on No. 3. He hammered another 3-wood on the par-5 17th to 10 feet, settling for a two-putt birdie. That carried O'Hair to a 5-under 66, giving him a share of the lead with Kevin Tway, Jamie Lovemark and Vaughn Taylor.

"I'm obviously very disappointed that I'm not in a better position, but I'm kind of in charge of my destiny," O'Hair said. "If I play good golf I'm just going to work into the next week."

Woods, playing for the first time since his runner-up finish at the PGA Championship, had a pair of birdies, a pair of bogeys, a lot of pars and a 71. He was five shots behind and in a tie for 60th. After a rough start off the tee, Woods wound up hitting nine of 14 fairways. He just never got it close enough for good looks at birdie.

"Just didn't have the situations where I had the full club and I could go ahead and take a rip at it and start being aggressive and going after these flags," Woods said. "I kept having to play a little defensive because I was taking more club, trying to shape it and take spin off. One of those days."

Woods is back in the FedEx Cup playoffs for the first time in five years, and it was his first time at Ridgewood Country Club since 2010. Thousands came to watch

him play, and they heard plenty of cheers from the group behind him.

Dustin Johnson rimmed out a 6-iron on the par-3 sixth for one of his seven birdies to offset a triple bogey for a 67. U.S. Open and PGA champion Brooks Koepka ran off four birdies and an eagle for his 67. FedEx Cup champion Justin Thomas had four birdies in his round of 69.

Johnson could tell his 6-iron was close to perfect from the flight of the shot, where it landed and the reaction of the fans behind the par-3 sixth green as the ball rolled around left edge of the cup.

Or were they cheering because Woods teed off on the hole ahead of them?

"I was kind of debating whether they were yelling for me or him," Johnson said with a smile.

O'Hair isn't alone in the urgency to play well. The top 100 advance to the second stage next week at the TPC Boston, with the top 70 going to the BMW Championship and the top 30 making it to East Lake in Atlanta for the Tour Championship. Tway and Lovemark are in the mid-80s in the FedEx Cup, while Taylor is at No. 112.

Tway began his week playing in a charity event with good friend Morgan Hoffmann, who is coping with muscular dystrophy. Hoffmann is a reminder of how far players can go with the FedEx Cup points quadrupled in the playoffs.

"Morgan Hoffmann came in at 124 and went all the way to The Tour Championship," Tway said, referring to 2014. "That's kind of the plan, try to play as good as you can and go as far as you can."

Johnson had no idea where his tee shots were going until late in his round, yet he still managed to pile up birdies. One wild drive cost him at the 17th, where the ball went so far left it wasn't even worth searching for in the woods. Johnson made triple bogey.

"I hit that ball 70 yards left of where I was looking," he said. "If I'm trying to hit a high



Dustin Johnson, right, talks with Justin Thomas as they approach the 13th green during the first round of the Northern Trust golf tournament, Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018, in Paramus, N.J.

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cut, if anything I'm going to over-cut it to the right. And it came off low and hooked. So I just laughed. Wasn't funny when I made triple, though."

O'Hair doesn't sound like he's playing under a lot of pressure. He had knee surgery last year that kept him from most of the fall events, putting him behind. He decided to keep playing until he had his card locked up, and then he was runner-up

at the Valero Texas Open. "After that, I kind of just checked out mentally because I knew I was safe and kind of lost my drive a little bit," he said.

He took off the month of June, which he had never done, and hasn't played very well since then. But he's back to work, first on his long game and late on his putter, and he found the right formula on a rain-softened course at Ridge-

wood. It was a good start, nothing more. And while he would love to play on his home course in two weeks at Aronimink, he's not obsessed with it. O'Hair said he came into the playoffs with one eye toward next year.

"It's not like, 'Hey, I need to do this to play Aronimink,'" O'Hair said. "I'll play Aronimink after the tournament. I think I've got a member-guest the following week." □

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# Bogaerts hits 2 solo HRs, Red Sox beat Indians 10-4

By The Associated Press

**BOSTON (AP)** — Xander Bogaerts hit two solo homers, Andrew Benintendi had a three-run double to cap a big fourth inning and Boston beat Cleveland to halt a three-game losing streak. Mitch Moreland added a two-run homer for the Red Sox, who lost the previous two nights in a matchup of AL division leaders.

East-leading Boston, which owns the majors' best record, is the only MLB team without a four-game losing streak this season.

Edwin Encarnacion hit a pair of two-run homers in his first game off the disabled list for Central-leading Cleveland.

Matt Barnes (5-3) pitched a hitless inning of relief and was credited with the victory after starter Brian Johnson was pulled with the Red Sox leading and one out in the fifth. Johnson gave up three runs.

Carlos Carrasco (15-7) was tagged for six runs, five earned, in 3 2/3 innings.

## **CUBS 8, TIGERS 2**

**DETROIT (AP)** — Jon Lester pitched into the sixth inning and Chicago homered three times in a win over Detroit.

The Cubs had scored exactly one run in each of their previous five games. David Bote ended that streak with a two-run homer in the fifth, and Lester (14-5) allowed a run and seven hits in 5 2/3 innings.

Five Chicago relievers finished. Pedro Strop came in with the bases loaded in the eighth and walked in a run, but he retired James McCann on a grounder to end that threat with the Cubs still up 4-2.

Javier Baez and Anthony Rizzo hit consecutive homers in the ninth for Chicago to break the game open.

Francisco Liriano (3-9) allowed four runs and seven hits in 5 1/3 innings.

Daniel Murphy singled home a run in the fifth in his first game with the Cubs after being acquired in a trade from Washington on Tuesday.

## **YANKEES 9, MARLINS 3**

**MIAMI (AP)** — Hours after All-Star closer Aroldis Chap-



Boston Red Sox's Xander Bogaerts points to teammates in the dugout after his home run against the Cleveland Indians during the fourth inning of a baseball game Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2018, in Boston.

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man went on the disabled list with left knee tendinitis, Lance Lynn gave up five runs in the sixth inning and New York lost to last-place Miami.

The Yankees managed only one extra-base hit against five Miami pitchers. They committed three errors and struck out 11 times in a defeat that ended their four-game winning streak.

Giancarlo Stanton, playing in Miami for the first time since the Marlins traded him last November, went 1 for 3 with an RBI and finished 3 for 9 in the series.

Lynn (8-9) had a 2-0 lead in the sixth, but Miguel Rojas' three-run homer put the Marlins ahead.

Miami's Trevor Richards allowed two runs in 5 1/3 innings and struck out nine. Jarlin Garcia (2-2) retired both batters he faced.

## **ASTROS 10, MARINERS 7**

**SEATTLE (AP)** — Martin Maldonado and Tyler White each homered and had three hits, helping Houston beat Seattle.

Maldonado had three RBIs and White had two. The Astros led 9-1 before the Mariners got one back in the fifth and added five more in the sixth.

Charlie Morton (13-3) got the win despite allowing six runs before leaving the game with no one out in the sixth.

Roberto Osuna pitched the ninth to earn his 10th save and first as an Astro. The closer was acquired from Toronto last month and joined the team a week later after finishing a 75-game suspension for violating Major League Baseball's domestic violence policy.

Marco Gonzales (12-9) was pitching on eight days of rest but allowed eight runs and 11 hits before leaving with no one out in the fourth.

With Oakland's loss to Texas, Houston took a one-game lead in the AL West.

## **RANGERS 4, ATHLETICS 2**

**OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)** — Mike Minor pitched six scoreless innings of one-hit ball to win his fourth straight, Joey Gallo hit his 33rd home run and Texas beat Oakland.

Adrian Beltre had a pair of RBI singles to help the Rangers end a six-game losing streak to the A's. Jurickson Profar added two hits. Elvis Andrus singled and scored after going hitless in his previous 12 at-bats.

Minor (10-6) was crisp while striking out four and walking one. He allowed only two runners and faced the minimum through six innings. Both runners were erased on double plays.

Cory Gearrin, Alex Claudio, Chris Martin and Jose Leclerc combined to retire nine batters and complete the four-hitter.

The A's loaded the bases with two outs in the ninth, but Leclerc struck out Nick Martini on a check swing for his sixth save in 10 opportunities.

Texas was shut out in the first two games of the series and had a 19-inning scoreless streak before Choo's leadoff homer on the first pitch from Oakland starter Edwin Jackson (4-3) in the first inning.

## **RAYS 6, ROYALS 3**

**ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)** — Brandon Lowe and Mallex Smith drove in two runs each, and Tampa Bay beat Kansas City to move five games over .500 for the first time this season.

Lowe, who drove in the first two runs with a second-inning single off Jakob Junis (6-12), and Smith were among six Rays who had two hits each.

Hunter Dozier added a two-run homer in the eighth, the second of the game off Yonny Chirinos (2-5). Dozier's sixth homer of the season came on his 27th birthday.

Sergio Romo pitched the ninth for his 18th save in 25 opportunities.

## **BLUE JAYS 6, ORIOLES 0**

**TORONTO (AP)** — Kendrys Morales homered for the fourth consecutive game, Thomas Pannone and two relievers combined on a two-hitter and Toronto finished its home slate against Baltimore with a 10-0 record.

Devon Travis had a three-run shot in the eighth as the Blue Jays blew open the game with a five-run outburst against Miguel Castro, who uncorked three wild pitches and didn't retire any of the five batters he faced.

Morales hit a two-out drive off Orioles right-hander David Hess (2-8) in the seventh, his fifth home run in the past four games and 19th of the season.

Making his first major league start after four relief appearances, the left-handed Pannone (1-0) pitched six no-hit innings before Baltimore's Trey Mancini reached on a groundball single to begin the seventh.

## **WHITE SOX 7, TWINS 3**

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Adam Engel broke a tie with a two-run homer in a five-run fifth, Carlos Rodon continued his torrid stretch with six strong innings and Chicago beat Minnesota.

Nicky Delmonico and Tim Anderson also homered off Twins starter Kyle Gibson (7-10), helping send him to only his second loss in seven career decisions at Guaranteed Rate Field.

Chicago won for the sixth time in eight games.

The White Sox sent 11 batters to the plate against Gibson and Gabriel Moya in the fifth to snap a 2-2 tie. Rodon (5-3) allowed four of the first five batters to reach base before he settled down. He allowed three hits and three walks and improved to 5-1 with a 2.31 ERA over his last 10 starts. □





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## DeJong homers off Jansen in 9th, Cardinals sweep Dodgers

By The Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Paul DeJong hit a go-ahead, two-run homer off Kenley Jansen in the ninth inning, lifting the St. Louis Cardinals to a 3-1 victory and a three-game sweep of the Los Angeles Dodgers on Wednesday night.

The Cardinals' eighth straight road win helped them improve to 17-4 this month, the most wins in the majors. They've homered in 15 straight games, one off the current season mark of 16 in a row by Philadelphia. St. Louis remained 2½ games behind the NL Central-leading Cubs.

For Jansen, it was a familiar ending.

The All-Star closer, who became a father for the third time earlier in the day, gave up consecutive homers to Jedd Gyorko and Matt Carpenter in the series opener Monday. That was Jansen's first game back after missing time because of an irregular heartbeat.

This time, Gyorko singled off Jansen (0-5) and DeJong followed with a drive to left-center to give the Cardinals their first lead.

Jordan Hicks struck out Cody Bellinger, Brian Dozier and Chris Taylor to earn his fifth save.

Dakota Hudson (4-0) got the win with one inning of relief.

Los Angeles loaded the bases in the eighth, but Manny Machado grounded out to end the inning. Pinch-hitter Tyler O'Neill homered in the top of the eighth off reliever Scott Alexander, tying it 1-1.

Jack Flaherty and Walker Buehler dueled in a stellar matchup of rookie pitchers, although neither figured in

the decision.

Flaherty held the Dodgers hitless through 5 1/3 innings before Joc Pederson homered. Flaherty gave up just that one hit in six innings. The 22-year-old right-hander from nearby Burbank struck out 10.

### NATIONALS 8, PHILLIES 7

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Ryan Zimmerman hit a two-run home run with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning to lift the Washington over Philadelphia.

Juan Soto's two-double against Seranthony Dominguez (1-4) set up Zimmerman. His drive landed just above the right-field wall and required review before the umpire crew acknowledged the homer. Zimmerman has 11 walk-off home runs for his career.

Maikel Franco, Justin Bour and Cesar Hernandez homered for the Phillies, who led 7-5 in the seventh. Philadelphia, which has lost nine of 13, fell three games behind NL East-leading Atlanta.

Stephen Strasburg allowed five runs and seven hits over four innings for Washington in his first start since being placed on the 10-day disabled list on July 26 with a cervical nerve impingement.

Matt Grace (1-1) worked 1/3 of an inning for Washington, which has won two in a row since trading second baseman Daniel Murphy and key reserve Matt Adams on Tuesday.

### DIAMONDBACKS 5, ANGELS 1

**PHOENIX (AP)** — Paul Goldschmidt hit a two-run homer to set the all-time mark at Chase Field, Clay Buchholz pitched seven scoreless innings and Arizona beat Los

Angeles.

Goldschmidt connected off Odrisamer Despaigne (2-2) in the first inning, passing Luis Gonzalez with his 96th homer at Chase Field. Goldschmidt had three hits to extend his hitting streak to 14 games and has reached safely in 27 straight.

Buchholz (7-2) yielded four hits and struck out seven with no walks. David Peralta also hit a two-run homer for the Diamondbacks, who have won five of six to maintain a 1 1/2-game lead in the NL West over Colorado.

The Angels have lost five of six.

### ROCKIES 6, PADRES 2

**DENVER (AP)** — Ian Desmond laced a two-run triple in the sixth inning and Jon Gray pitched effectively into the seventh in leading Colorado over San Diego.

Tony Wolters added an RBI triple and a sacrifice fly for the rolling Rockies, who remained 1 1/2 games behind NL West-leading Arizona. Colorado is 17-6 at home since July 2.

Gray (10-7) went 6 1/3 innings and allowed two runs against a Padres team that was missing infielder Wil Myers after he was a late scratch. Myers sustained a cut on his nose when a grounder hit him in the face while he was fielding



St. Louis Cardinals' Jedd Gyorko, left, runs to first as he hits a solo home run while Los Angeles Dodgers relief pitcher Kenley Jansen watches during the ninth inning of a baseball game Monday, Aug. 20, 2018, in Los Angeles. The Cardinals won 5-3.

Associated Press

at third base during batting practice.

Colorado has won each of Gray's last nine starts, matching a franchise record.

Jacob Nix (1-2) allowed three runs over five innings.

### BREWERS 4, REDS 0

**MILWAUKEE (AP)** — Brewers rookie Freddy Peralta tossed seven scoreless innings and drove in a run with his first career hit, combining with two relievers on a five-hitter to lead Milwaukee past Cincinnati.

Christian Yelich homered and finished a triple shy of the cycle, reaching base five times and driving in two runs for Milwaukee. He opened the first with his 21st homer, doubled in the third, walked in the fourth and singled in the sixth and eighth.

Peralta (6-4) allowed just three singles, striking out seven and walking two to win for the second time in seven starts. □

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# Celtics' Kyrie Irving honored by mother's Sioux tribe

By **BLAKE NICHOLSON**  
**FORT YATES, N.D. (AP)** — Boston Celtics star Kyrie Irving and his older sister were officially welcomed into their mother's Standing Rock Sioux tribe on Thursday.

The All-Star guard and his sister, model Asia Irving, visited the tribe's reservation that straddles the North Dakota-South Dakota border and took part in a ceremony recognizing their tribal heritage and support for the tribe's long battle against the Dakota Access oil pipeline.

In front of a packed auditorium, they were honored with Lakota names during a ritual that tribal spokeswoman Danielle Finn said "is a very special rite of passage for a Lakota person." While standing on a bison pelt, the siblings were smudged with sacred grasses, presented with traditional quilts and eagle feathers, and given names associated with their White Mountain family.

Kyrie Irving's Lakota name, Hela, is roughly pronounced (HAY'-law) and means "Little Mountain." Asia Irving's name, Tatanka Winyan, (tuh-TONG'-kuh



**Boston Celtics basketball star Kyrie Irving accepts gifts from students on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation in North Dakota on Thursday, Aug 23, 2018.**

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WEE'-yun) means "Buffalo Woman." The Irvings' late mother, Elizabeth Ann Larson, was a member of the tribe and lived on the reservation until her adoption at a young age. Their late grandmoth-

er and great-grandparents also have ties to the reservation. The siblings were greeted by hordes of fans, many wearing green T-shirts with the Standing Rock Sioux seal, Kyrie Irving's uniform

number, 11, and the words "Welcome Home Kyrie Irving."

"It truly is a good day for Standing Rock," tribal Chairman Mike Faith said, turning to the Irvings. "For you two, welcome home." Many in the crowd, including Char White Mountain, consider the siblings to be part of their family.

"We want him to know who his relatives are," she said. "We definitely don't want him to think we're people using him for his money. He's family."

Jewel Felix, who considers Kyrie Irving her nephew, said she became emotional when she heard he was coming.

"I started crying," she said. "I can't believe it's happening."

Todd Giroux, a 14-year-old high school junior and point guard for the Standing Rock basketball team, said Irving became his hero when the star gave him an autograph at a Celtics game against the Timberwolves in Minneapolis. Giroux came to Thursday's event wearing an Irving jersey.

"It's amazing," he said, adding "it makes it even cooler"

that Irving in late 2016 expressed support on Twitter for tribal efforts to lead the battle against the pipeline, which opponents believe threatens the tribe's Missouri River water supply. Thousands of people traveled to the reservation area in 2016 and 2017 to protest, with hundreds being arrested. The pipeline began operating in June 2017, but the Standing Rock tribe is leading a court battle to try to shut it down.

Kyrie Irving discussed his Sioux heritage during a January 2017 interview with ESPN, saying "there's a home connection" with the tribe's pipeline struggles and that he wanted to have a legacy outside of basketball. Irving this year asked Nike to put Standing Rock's seal on a new sneaker. He also has a tattoo of the Standing Rock logo on his neck. Irving, who won an NBA championship with the Cleveland Cavaliers in 2016, was born in Australia and grew up in West Orange, New Jersey. He played one season at Duke University before joining the Cavaliers as the first overall pick in the 2011 NBA Draft. □



**In this Nov. 19, 2017, file photo, Dallas Cowboys center Travis Frederick (72) rests during a timeout in the team's NFL football game against the Philadelphia Eagles in Arlington, Texas.**

Associated Press

By **SCHUYLER DIXON**  
**AP Pro Football Writer**  
**ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)** — Dallas Cowboys center Travis Frederick said Wednesday he has been diagnosed with a rare neurological disorder that causes weakness in various parts of the body, and the four-time Pro Bowl player

isn't sure on a timetable for a return. Frederick said he has received two treatments for Guillain-Barre Syndrome over the past 48 hours and that the treatments will continue for several days. "I am very optimistic about my condition and the immediate future, as I have

## Cowboys center Travis Frederick has neurological disorder

been told that the illness was detected at a fairly early stage," Frederick said. "My doctors have told me that it is not possible to determine a timetable for a return to the field right now, but I am hopeful that I will be able to play as soon as possible."

The 27-year-old Frederick has started all 83 games, including three playoff games, since the Cowboys drafted him late in the first round in 2013.

That streak is likely in jeopardy with the opener 2 1/2 weeks away, Sept. 9 at Carolina.

According to the National Institute for Neurological Disorders and Stroke, Guillain-Barre causes the body to attack a network

of nerves around the brain and spinal cord. Most people recover from even the most severe cases of the auto-immune disease, but some will continue to have some degree of weakness, according to the institute. Frederick saw a specialist in California while the Cowboys were still in training camp there because of feelings he said were similar to stingers in his neck and shoulders. When he returned to camp, he told reporters he checked out OK. He was on the sideline for the preseason game against Cincinnati on Saturday.

Coach Jason Garrett said Tuesday tests for Frederick continued with doctors in the Dallas area. Garrett de-

clined to be more specific. Joe Looney has been working at center in Frederick's absence, but the Cowboys have always considered 2014 All-Pro right guard Zack Martin a possibility there. Martin will miss the rest of the preseason after hyperextending his left knee against the Bengals. Frederick was the second of three first-round picks in a span of four years, a group that anchors what is considered one of the NFL's best offensive lines. Left tackle Tyron Smith, the 2011 choice, has battled back issues in recent years. Frederick, Smith and 2014 pick Martin have all been named to the Pro Bowl each of the past four seasons. □



# With Froome absent, Quintana favored to win Spanish Vuelta

By JOSEPH WILSON

Associated Press

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) —

Chris Froome's decision not to defend his Spanish Vuelta title and fitness concerns for other top cyclists leaves Nairo Quintana in position to claim the Grand Tour for a second time.

Quintana beat Froome to win the Vuelta in 2016 but the Colombian climber has struggled to carry that and other successes over to the Tour de France.

Last month, Quintana finished the Tour in a disappointing 10th place. He he was knocked out of contention on the first day of the race after he broke both his wheels and lost a significant amount of time. But fortune permitting, the 73rd edition of the Vuelta, which starts on Saturday, should be Quintana's for the taking.

Quintana did win one mountain stage at the Tour but he will need to avoid mechanical mishaps and hold his own on the Vuelta's two individual time trials to take the overall victory.

"We need to do well because we had prepared well for the Tour and yet due to one thing or another it didn't go our way," Quintana said on Thursday. "Whenever they say we are favorites... we have to show that we are on the road." The 28-year-old Quintana also won the Giro d'Italia in 2014.

His Movistar squad includes 2009 Vuelta winner Alejandro Valverde, who could still be an option to lead the team at the age of 38 if Quintana falters.

Here is a look at the riders and the course for the 2018 Vuelta:

**NO FROOME, THOMAS FOR SKY**

After winning the last four Grand Tours, Froome's Team Sky appears ready to let its rivals fight for victory at the Vuelta, which will start in the southern city of Malaga.

Froome and current Tour champion Geraint Thomas are not on the Sky squad for the Spanish race and instead will participate in the eight-stage Tour of Britain



In this Wednesday July 25, 2018 file photo, stage winner Colombia's Nairo Quintana celebrates on the podium after the seventeenth stage of the Tour de France cycling race in Saint-Lary-Soulan, Col du Portet pass, France.

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starting on Sept. 2.

In place of Froome and Thomas, Sky will be led by Michal Kwiatkowski and David de la Cruz.

**BANGED UP BUNCH**

Top riders Vincenzo Nibali (Bahrain Merida), Richie Porte (BMC) and Rigoberto Uran (EF Education First) are all racing in Spain after being forced to withdraw from the Tour because of crashes.

Porte broke his collarbone on Stage 9, when Uran sustained injuries to his left arm and leg that eventually led to him withdrawing on Stage 12. Nibali also had to quit on Stage 12 after he fractured a vertebra while climbing the Alpe d'Huez.

A top-notch climber and expert in descending, Nibali's first Grand Tour victory came at the Vuelta in 2010. He went on to win the Giro twice and the Tour. But given Nibali's bruised back, Bahrain Merida has named Ion Izagirre as its leader.

"I have been training for about only a couple of weeks and for this reason I think it will be very difficult to aim for the general classification," Nibali said.

"I will see day by day and I hope to be able to do well in some mountain stages anyway."

Other riders to watch are UAE Emirates pair Fabio Aru, who won the Vuelta in 2015, and Dan Martin.

An outside challenger could be Steven Kruijswijk, a Dutch rider for LottoNL-Jumbo who finished fifth at the Tour.

**THE COURSE: MADE FOR CLIMBERS**

This year's race will feature two individual time trials, a short 8-kilometer (4.9-mile) time trial on Stage 1 and a 32-kilometer ride from Santillana de Mar to Torrelavega on the northern coast on Stage 16.

But the real focus will be on the mountains, with nine stages concluding in sum-

mit finishes.

The Vuelta organizers saved the most demanding route for the race's 20th and penultimate day, when the peloton will face a short but explosive 97.3-kilometer ride in the Pyrenees. The stage in Andorra features six categorized climbs culminating in the beyond-category Coll de la Gallina summit. □

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# Can tech giants work together against their common enemies?



This undated image provided by the cybersecurity firm FireEye shows four Twitter pages affiliated with "Liberty Front Press," which FireEye has called an influence operation masquerading as liberal U.S. activists and apparently aimed at promoting Iranian political interests.

**By BARBARA ORTUTAY**  
**AP Technology Writer**  
**NEW YORK (AP)** — Facebook, Twitter and Google routinely squabble for users, engineers and advertising money. Yet it makes sense for these tech giants to work together on security threats, elections meddling and other common ills. Such cooperation was evident Tuesday when Facebook announced that it had removed 652 suspicious pages, groups and accounts linked to Russia and Iran. This was followed by similar news from Twitter. On Monday, meanwhile, Microsoft reported a new Russian effort to impersonate conservative U.S. websites, potentially as part of an espionage campaign. Cooperation makes it easier for tech companies to combat fraudulent use of their services. It also makes them look good in the eyes of their users and regulators by showing that they take the threats seriously enough to set aside competitive differences. They have little other choice if they want to avoid regulation and stay ahead of — or just keep up with — the malicious actors,

who are getting smarter and smarter at evading the tech companies' controls. Case in point: While Facebook said there was no evidence that Russian and Iranian actors cooperated with each other in the latest efforts to create fake accounts to mislead users, the company said their tactics were similar. In other words, if the bad guys are learning from each other, the companies fighting them would need to do the same. Facebook has significantly stepped up policing of its services since last year, when it acknowledged that Russian agents successfully used Facebook to run political influence operations aimed at swaying the 2016 presidential election. Other social media companies have done likewise and continue to turn up fresh evidence of political disinformation campaigns. While some of the 2016 disruptions seemed to support certain candidates, more recent campaigns appear aimed at sowing discord and driving people to more extreme sides of the political stage. Tech companies already

share information to fight terrorism, child pornography, malware and spam. They are now adding global political threats from nation-states. In congressional hearings earlier this year, Facebook General Counsel Colin Stretch said Facebook, Twitter and Google have a "long history" of working together on such threats. He expressed hope that sharing information becomes "industry standard practice." Understanding the threat requires understanding

how the malicious actors communicate, operate and move among various services, Facebook said in a blog post on Tuesday. "To help gather this information, we often share intelligence with other companies once we have a basic grasp of what's happening," the company wrote. Even with all the cooperation, disagreements exist. The companies don't always agree on when and how to go public with threats they uncover, for example. And while critics

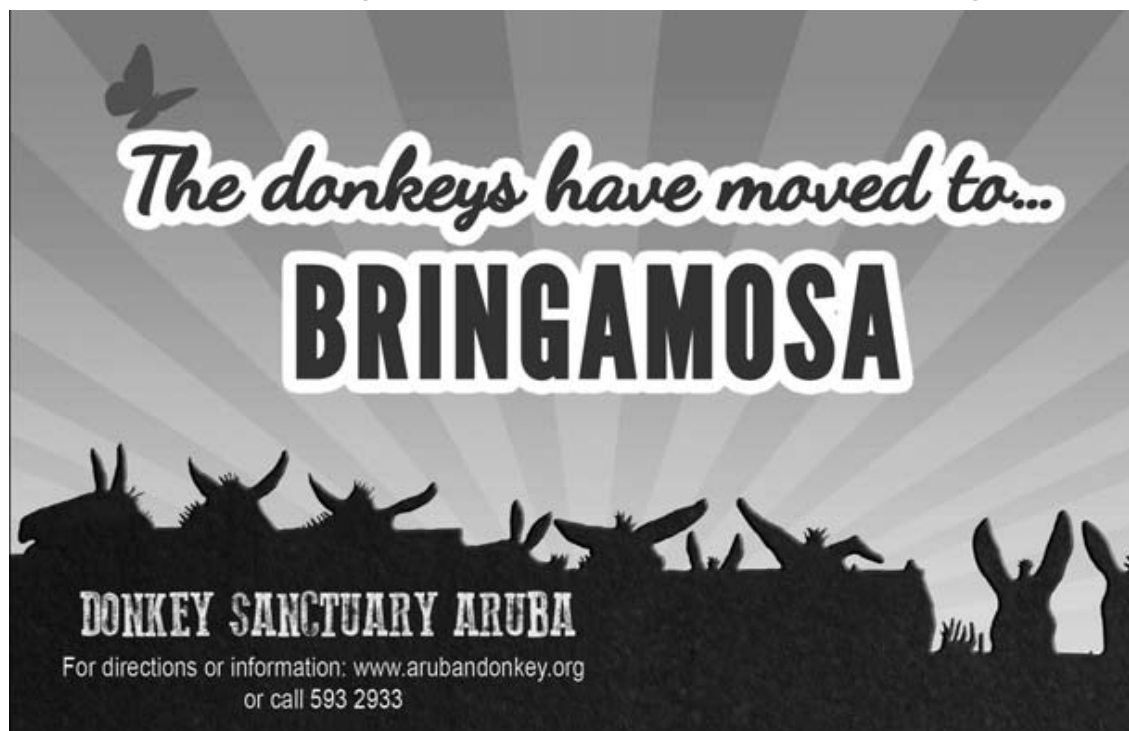
have called for a formal industry body to address issues such as elections meddling, misinformation and hate speech on social networks, no such broad-reaching organization exists.

The closest is the Cybersecurity Tech Accord, which Microsoft, Facebook and other companies formed to protect businesses and users from internet crime. But bigshots such as Google and Twitter were noticeably missing. (Those companies did not respond to messages Wednesday asking if they have joined since).

Nonetheless, cooperation has helped other industries stave off regulation. For example, the movie industry banded together to develop its own ratings system in the 1960s to ward off government censorship.

Jeff Bardin, chief information officer at the security firm Treadstone 71, said cooperation is one way to combat fake accounts without imposing tighter verification when users sign up. Of course, if Facebook started asking potential members for a government-issued ID and a home address, it would drive people away.

"There is no way they will do that upfront," he said. So, what's left is to continue to play the cat-and-mouse game, catching and removing the enemy and then learning its new tactics as it changes them. □





# Lawsuit protocol: Call attorneys, but take time for business

By JOYCE M. ROSENBERG

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — When a small business is involved in a lawsuit, an owner's concern can't only be about winning or losing — it also has to be about making sure the company stays on track.

Owners who have been sued or who brought lawsuits themselves must meet with lawyers, gather evidence and sometimes give depositions. If they have employees whose testimony is needed, bosses must spend time with them explaining the situation. The time and energy it takes can be a huge disruption to normal operations.

"It was like I had to take on another job — being a defendant. It probably added three hours to my day," Burke Files recalls of the lawsuit brought against his company, Financial Examinations & Evaluations, in 2010. Another business charged Files' company with libel because of information one of his employees posted on a website unconnected to Files' Tempe, Arizona-based firm. Files hired a legal clerk to read and gather documents, but oversaw the litigation himself and still had to go through company's records in search of evidence: "all the communications for the past five years of every single person in the firm."

The lawsuit kept Files from



In this Friday, Aug. 17, 2018, photo David Jackson, Chief Executive Officer of FullStack Labs, poses for a photo in the company's office in Granite Bay, Calif.

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focusing on running the company, and he estimates that the case cost him more than \$500,000 in lost business and \$15,000 in legal costs. The firm, which investigates companies' finances, prevailed nine months after the suit was filed, when its opponent dropped the case.

Although lawsuits brought by other companies can be distracting, they tend to be less time-consuming and disruptive than product liability suits or cases brought by employees for harassment or back pay, says Joshua Bauchner, an

attorney with Ansell, Grimm & Aaron in Woodland Park, New Jersey. The vast majority of business cases are settled before going to trial, he says. Still, the companies do go through discovery, the process of sharing documents and evidence, and often depositions are taken.

Lawsuits brought by current or former employees can be devastating to a small business, especially when other staffers are deposed, Bauchner says. "It can be invasive into the company's operations and it can be invasive to its personnel," he says. "There's a loss of productivity because everyone's on pins and needles." Jerry Lang's travel agency was sued for back pay by a former staffer who quit following a dispute. Lang estimates it took more than 1,500 hours of work by sev-

eral managers and Lang himself to wade through more than 100,000 emails and other records at House of Travel in Aventura, Florida.

Lang found that meetings with his attorney ate up more time than expected, and that cut into time he could spend with clients. A two-hour meeting at a lawyer's office meant four to five hours out of his day with travel time, he says. House of Travel won the case, but Lang felt he had to make adjustments. After nearly 30 years of using the honor system when it came to staffers' hours and work-weeks, Lang implemented a system of clocking in and out.

"The lawsuit made us change our whole culture from one of family to being a business," Lang says.

A half-dozen lawsuits over

contract issues and unpaid invoices have taught David Jackson to set some mental boundaries while a case is going on.

"You have to be careful not to allow it to distract you. It can take over your mind and where you're focusing your emotional energy on a daily basis," says Jackson, CEO of FullStack Labs, an app and software developer in Granite Bay, California.

He tries to hand the cases over to his attorney, or, if he needs help from the staff, asks one employee to be responsible for securing documents and making sure deadlines are met.

"You want to see justice happen, but you have to understand it's not a good use of your time" as an owner to concentrate on a suit, Jackson says.

FullStack Labs has settled its suits, something Jackson attributes to open communication with opponents. "I think we're justified, I think we're going to win, but I'm open to settling," he tells them. Faced with mounting lawyers' fees, both parties have come to an agreement in each case.

Patent infringement suits have become part of the business at MONKEYMedia, which researches and develops virtual reality and other video and sound technology, but the firm is the one bringing the suits, often against big entertainment companies. □

## US new-home sales fell 1.7 percent in July

By JOSH BOAK

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Sales of new U.S. homes slumped 1.7 percent in July, the second straight monthly decline as the broader housing market appears to have lost some of its momentum despite an otherwise solid economy.

The Commerce Department says newly built homes sold at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 627,000 last month, down from 638,000 in June and

654,000 in May. Despite the slowdown, new-home sales have risen 7.2 percent year-to-date.

Steady hiring gains and signs of stronger economic growth have boosted demand for housing. But higher mortgage rates and a tight inventory of homes on the market has made affordability a challenge for many would-be buyers. The average sales price has risen 5.8 percent from a year ago to \$394,300. □




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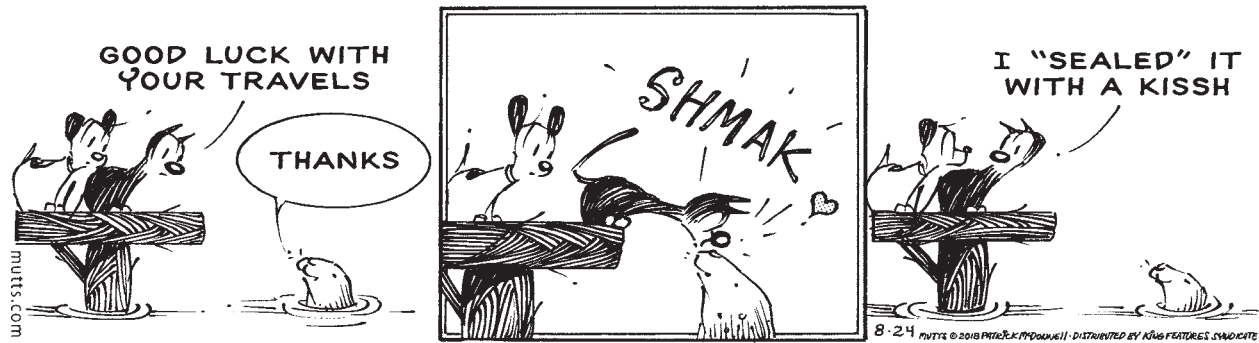
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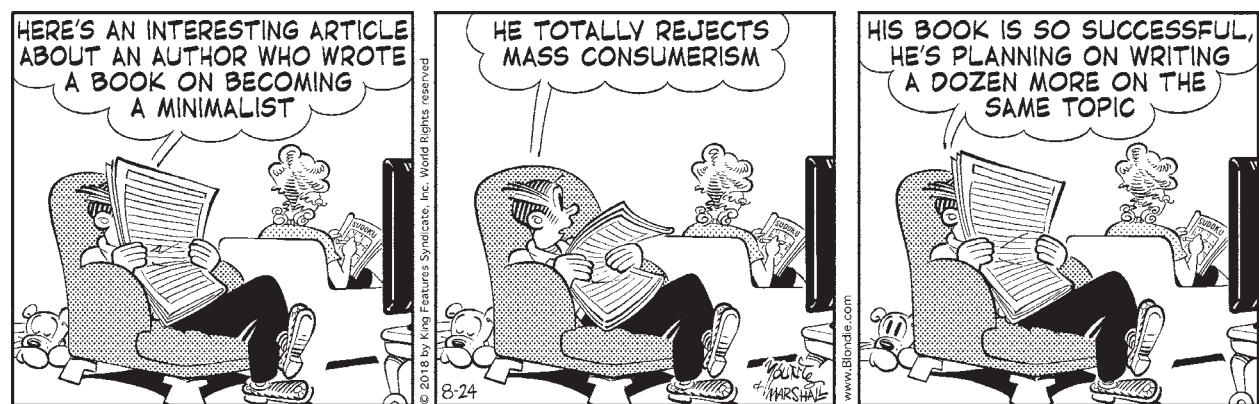
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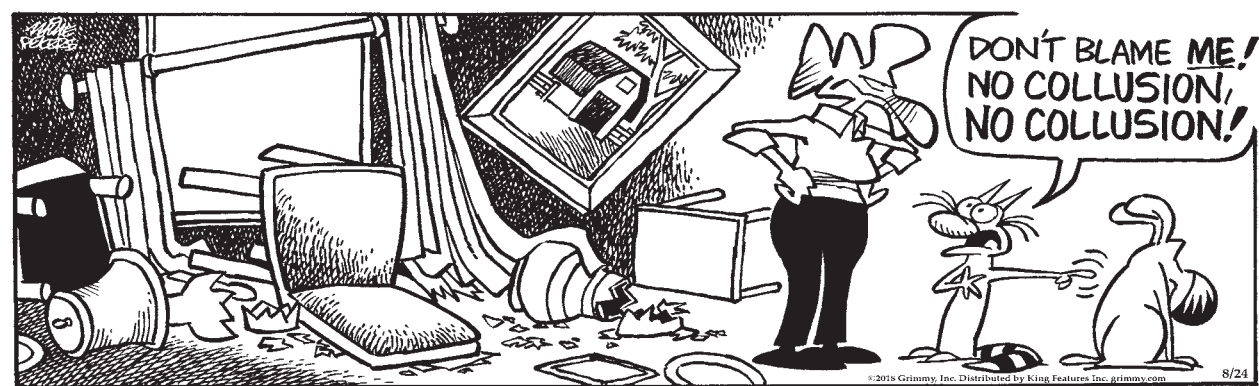
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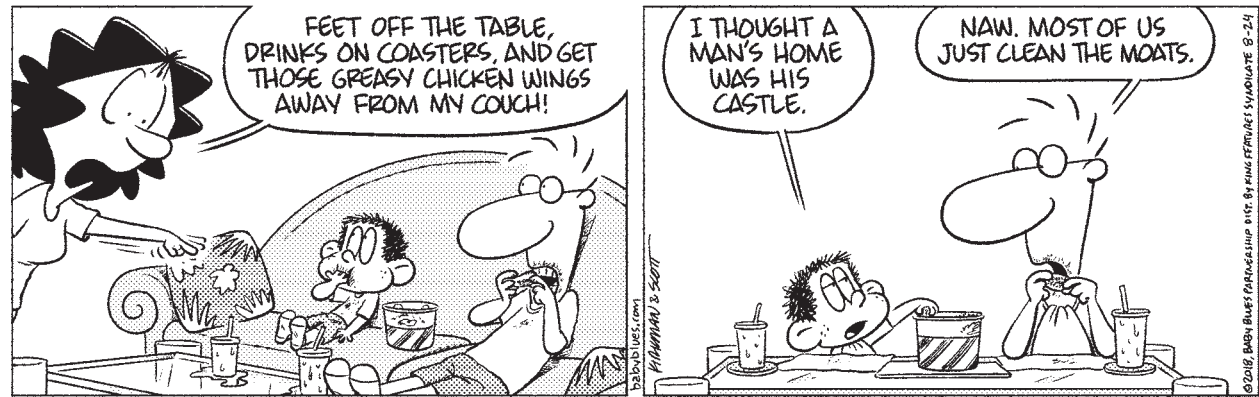
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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- 27 Fighting forces
- 29 Tendons
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- 33 Do one's own \_\_\_; be a maverick
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- 37 New York team
- 38 \_\_\_ back and forth; swayed
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- 40 Enjoy a snow sport
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- 45 Pimps
- 46 Over-the-hill
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- 48 Horrify
- 51 French article
- 52 Many a time
- 55 Undergarment
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- 60 Church season
- 61 Catches forty winks
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- 63 Peepers
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- 10 Fashionable
- 11 Off the \_\_\_; no longer in trouble
- 12 Cravings
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- 19 Sound of a fire bell
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- 25 Has the flu
- 27 Up in \_\_\_; irate
- 28 Offends others on the elevator
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- 30 Melania's home
- 31 Early bedtime
- 33 Look-alike
- 34 Attila, for one
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# Oregon man gets jail time for harassing Yellowstone bison

**BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP)** — An Oregon man who said he and his buddy were on a "last hurrah" tour through national parks before he entered alcohol treatment was sentenced Thursday to 130 days in jail for his drunken behavior, including harassing a bison that had stopped traffic in Yellowstone National Park.

Raymond Reinke's crimes drew national attention when at least one Yellowstone visitor caught his interaction with a bison on video.

Reinke, of Pendleton, Oregon, pleaded guilty during a federal court appearance in Mammoth, Wyoming, where cases from Yellowstone park are heard.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Mark Carman sentenced him to 60 days in jail for harassing wildlife, 60 days for interfering with law enforcement and 10 days for disorderly conduct. He was given credit for 21 days served.

Reinke, 55, is banned from Grand Teton, Yellowstone and Glacier national parks for a five-year probationary period during which he is not allowed to drink alcohol. His planned chemical dependency treatment is now court-ordered.

"I'm sorry to the buffalo. He didn't deserve what I did to him," Reinke said, ABC Fox Montana reported.

U.S. Attorney Leo Pico described Reinke's behavior as the "most egregious" case of animal harassment he'd seen in Yellowstone.

The judge told Reinke: "You're lucky the bison didn't take care of it, and you're standing in front of me."

Reinke was first cited for public intoxication and interfering with law enforcement in Grand Teton Na-



In this Aug. 3, 2016 photo, a herd of bison grazes in the Lamar Valley of Yellowstone National Park.

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tional Park on July 28. He spent a night in jail before posting a \$500 bond.

A few days later in Yellowstone, Reinke got in trouble after getting out of the car to see if there was a way he could help clear a traffic jam.

When he saw the bison on the road he decided to try to herd it off, the Bozeman Daily Chronicle reported.

"I thought I was doing what was appropriate," Reinke said. "I just didn't think. That's my stupidity."

In the viral video, Reinke is seen walking up to a bison waving his arms. The animal charges him a couple times, but he was not injured. Yellowstone National

Park regulations require people to stay 25 yards (23 meters) away from bison.

He was cited for intentionally disturbing wildlife and having an open container of alcohol, but rangers were unaware of the conditions of his bond, which required him to remain law-abiding and avoid alcohol. However, Reinke had mentioned his next stop was Glacier National Park. When officials put the whole story together a judge revoked Reinke's bond in the Grand Teton case and rangers arrested him in Glacier park on Aug. 3. Officials say he was causing a disturbance there, as well, but he was not cited. □



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# Carlsbad Caverns' 500K bats face threat of deadly syndrome

**CARLSBAD, N.M. (AP)** — The half a million bats that call Carlsbad Caverns National Park home could face the threat of the deadly white nose syndrome.

Federal agencies have mobilized in recent weeks to combat a microscopic organism that could potentially kill off thousands of the Mexican free-tailed bats that make the national park famous, the Carlsbad Current Argus reports.

White nose syndrome was found in bat populations in states across the country, with the closest discovery in Oklahoma and Texas.

It's named for a white, fuzzy growth that develops on the nose, ears and wings of infected bats.

"Obviously, we don't want our bat colony to contract (white nose syndrome)," said Doug Neighbor, superintendent of Carlsbad Caverns National Park. "Most



This Dec. 18, 2010 file photo shows hundreds of cave formations that decorate the Big Room at Carlsbad Caverns National Park near Carlsbad, N.M.

Associated Press

populations out east had substantial die off."

The fungal infection grows in the bats' skin tissues, rousing them from hibernation

repeatedly, which forces the bats to consume winter fat stores and starve to death before awakening in the spring, according to a

report from Bat Conservation International, an Austin, Texas-based organization dedicated to conserving all bat species.

Evidence of white nose syndrome was discovered in New Mexico soil samples and samples of bat dung last spring, but further testing this month determined it was not yet in the state.

White nose syndrome was first discovered in a single New York cave in 2007, and has since killed millions of bats. The symptoms were found in 33 U.S. states and seven Canadian provinces, moving as far west as Washington state.

If the syndrome makes it to the Carlsbad Caverns, Neighbor said the impact could be devastating to the local bat populations, and negatively impact Carlsbad's tourism industry. Many visitors travel to the national park to watch the

renowned bat flights in and out of the cave.

"They're extremely important to the community," he said. "There's only a few places in the U.S. where you can see these kinds of numbers."

The National Park Service teamed up with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service to devise strategies to prevent the spread of the disease into New Mexico's public lands, according to an announcement last week by the four agencies.

"As the leading edge of the white-nose syndrome disease front advances, we do not fully know how the fungus will behave in these environments, particularly in the Southwest," said Jeremy Coleman, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's coordinator for the disease. □

# Study: Smokers better off quitting, even with weight gain



In this June 22, 2012 file photo, a smoker extinguishes a cigarette in an ash tray in Sacramento, Calif.

Associated Press

By **MIKE STOBBE**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — If you quit smoking and gain weight, it

may seem like you're trading one set of health problems for another.

But a new U.S. study finds you're still better off in the long run.

Compared with smokers, even the quitters who gained the most weight had at least a 50 percent lower risk of dying prematurely from heart disease and other causes, the Harvard-led study found.

The study is impressive in its size and scope and should put to rest any myth that there are prohibitive weight-related health consequences to quitting cigarettes, said Dr. William Dietz, a public health expert at George Washington University.

"The paper makes pretty clear that your health improves, even if you gain weight," said Dietz, who

was not involved in the research. "I don't think we knew that with the assurance that this paper provides."

The New England Journal of Medicine published the study Wednesday. The journal also published a Swedish study that found quitting smoking seems to be the best thing diabetics can do to cut their risk of dying prematurely.

The nicotine in cigarettes can suppress appetite and boost metabolism. Many smokers who quit and don't step up their exercise find they eat more and gain weight — typically less than 10 pounds (4.5 kilograms), but in some cases three times that much.

A lot of weight gain is a

cause of the most common form of diabetes, a disease in which blood sugar levels are higher than normal. Diabetes can lead to problems including blindness, nerve damage, heart and kidney disease and poor blood flow to the legs and feet.

In the U.S. study, researchers tracked more than 170,000 men and women over roughly 20 years, looking at what they said in health questionnaires given every two years.

The people enrolled in the studies were all health professionals, and did not mirror current smokers in the general population, who are disproportionately low-income, less-educated and more likely to smoke heavily.

The researchers checked which study participants quit smoking and followed whether they gained weight and developed diabetes, heart disease or other conditions.

Quitters saw their risk of diabetes increase by 22 percent in the six years after they kicked the habit. □

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# Actor says he feared speaking out about Argento assault

By ANDREW DALTON

Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — A young actor who alleged in legal documents that Italian actress and filmmaker Asia Argento sexually assaulted him when he was 17 said Wednesday that his trauma resurfaced when Argento came out as a victim of sexual assault herself last year.

"I did not initially speak out about my story because I chose to handle it in private with the person who wronged me," Bennett, now 22, said in a statement released through Attorney Gordon K. Sattro.

The comments were his first made publicly since a Sunday New York Times story saying Argento reached a \$380,000 legal settlement with him last year over an alleged sexual assault in a California hotel room in 2013.

"I have not made a public statement in the past days and hours because I was ashamed and afraid to be part of the public narrative. I was underage when the event took place, and I tried to seek justice in a way that made sense to me at the time."

Bennett said he believed there was a stigma to being sexually assaulted as a male, and that he "didn't think that people would



In this May 17, 2009 file photo, Italian actress Asia Argento arrives on the red carpet for screening of "Vengeance" during the 62nd International film festival in Cannes, France.

Associated Press

understand the event that took place from the eyes of a teenage boy."

His comments come a day after the 42-year-old Argento denied having a sexual relationship with him. She said in a statement Tuesday that she was linked "in friendship only" to Bennett, who played her son in a film in 2004.

She said the \$380,000 payment, made in response to a notice of intent to sue for \$3.5 million in damages that Bennett had filed, was undertaken by her boyfriend Anthony Bourdain, the celebrity chef who killed himself in France in June.

"Anthony personally undertook to help Bennett economically, upon the condition that we would no longer suffer any further intrusions in our life," Argento's statement said.

Earlier Wednesday, TMZ published a photo that showed Argento and Bennett lying together, their heads touching as they lay on a pillow, their shirts apparently off. The celebrity website did not say how it obtained the photo. A previous picture on TMZ showed the pair embracing but sitting up and fully clothed.

The Los Angeles County

sheriff's department said it is looking into the allegations and seeking to talk to Bennett. No police report was filed at the time, the department said. The age of consent in California is 18.

Argento became one of the leading figures of the #MeToo movement after she told the New Yorker magazine last year that Weinstein raped her at the Cannes Film Festival in 1997 when she was 21. Weinstein has been indicted on sex crime accusations involving three women, but not including Argento. He has denied having engaged in any nonconsensual sex-

ual acts. Bennett said in his statement that Argento's emergence as a Weinstein accuser brought back his own trauma, and the movement as a whole has prompted him to address the experience.

"Many brave women and men have spoken out about their own experiences during the #MeToo movement, and I appreciate the bravery that it took for each and every one of them to take a stand," Bennett's statement said.

Actress Ashley Judd, another Weinstein accuser, spoke out Wednesday against anyone who would use the Argento allegations to undermine the #MeToo movement.

"We hold any and every abuser accountable, regardless of their gender, race, socio-economic status, public visibility or popularity," Judd said on Twitter. "Sexual violence is wrong, full stop."

Also Wednesday, Argento backed out of curating a Dutch music festival.

Organizers of the "Le Guess Who?" festival said in a statement that "due to the volatile nature of the accusations surrounding Ms. Argento, she has chosen to withdraw from her curatorship of this year's edition, while these issues remain open." □

# Singapore: 'Crazy Rich Asians' author skipped service duty

Associated Press

**SINGAPORE (AP)** — Singapore's government says the author of the book that inspired the hit film "Crazy Rich Asians" failed to register for national service as required.

According to his bio, writer Kevin Kwan was born in Singapore and left when he was 11, living in the U.S. since then.

There was no immediate response Wednesday from his publisher to a request for comment. Male Singaporean citizens are required to spend two years, in most cases, in a uniformed service as young adults.

The government said in a

statement that Kwan was wanted for "defaulting on his NS obligations" for failing to register as required in 1990, and for staying abroad without a valid exit permit. It said authorities rejected his application in 1994 to renounce his Singaporean citizenship without serving the mandatory national service.

"Mr. Kwan has committed offences under the Enlistment Act, and is liable to a fine of up to \$10,000 and/or imprisonment of up to 3 years upon conviction," said the statement from Singapore's Ministry of Defense.

Kwan did not travel to Sin-



In this Friday, Aug. 25, 2017, photo, Singaporean novelist Kevin Kwan talks during an interview in Hong Kong.

Associated Press

gapore for Tuesday night's premiere of the hit romantic comedy based on his

book, based on comments from various cast members who said they were missing

him, and on the fact he did not make an appearance there. Kwan is descended from a wealthy Singaporean family.

Much of "Crazy Rich Asians," is set in Singapore. The story follows Chinese-American Rachel Chu as she travels with her boyfriend Nick Young to Singapore to meet his family and discovers they are ultra-wealthy. The \$30 million Warner Bros. film has grossed more than \$35 million since its Aug. 15 world debut in Los Angeles and came out tops with its release in U.S. theaters over the weekend. It is opening in many Asian cities this week. □



# Former Lynyrd Skynyrd guitarist Ed King dies at age 68



In this March 13, 2006 file photo, members of Lynyrd Skynyrd, Gary Rossington, Billy Powell, Artimus Pyle, Ed King and Bob Burns, appear backstage at the annual Rock and Roll Hall of Fame dinner in New York.

Associated Press

By KRISTIN M. HALL  
Associated Press  
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Ed King, a former guitarist for Lynyrd Skynyrd who helped write several of the group's hits including "Sweet Home Alabama," has died in Nashville, Tennessee, according to a family friend. He was 68.  
Scott Coopwood said King died Wednesday due to cancer. Funeral arrangements had not yet been announced Thursday.  
King joined the band in 1972 and was part of its first three albums with its distinct

three-guitar sound.  
He is credited on several of Lynyrd Skynyrd's songs, including "Saturday Night Special" and "Workin' for MCA," and his voice can be heard providing the opening count on "Sweet Home Alabama."  
"Ed was our brother, and a great songwriter and guitar player," said Gary Rossington, a founding member of the band. "I know he will be reunited with the rest of the boys in Rock and Roll Heaven."  
King left the band two years before a plane crash killed

singer Ronnie Van Zant and guitarist Steve Gaines in 1977.  
He rejoined the group 10 years later when it reunited with Johnny Van Zant taking his brother's place and played with the band until he retired in 1996 due to heart problems.  
He had a heart transplant in 2011.  
King was also an original member of the California psychedelic group Strawberry Alarm Clock, which had a hit that King co-wrote called "Incense and Peppermints" in 1967. □

# Young woman tries to start life anew in 'Tiffany Blues'

By JEFF AYERS  
"Tiffany Blues: a Novel" (Atria), by M.J. Rose  
Jenny Bell tries to start anew as an artist in the big city in "Tiffany Blues" by M.J. Rose. She scrapes together enough money to take classes at a prestigious art college, where she meets another young woman named Minx who has money and decides to

take Jenny under her wing. Soon Jenny sees how rich people live, and even receives a job offer to sketch courtroom trials for the local newspaper.  
Jenny's lifelong dream is to receive an invitation to Louis Comfort Tiffany's artists' colony, and when she does, she's elated — and also surprised since she was too afraid to apply. It turns

out that Minx took one of her drawings and submitted the application for her. Minx is also accepted into the program, and Jenny can't help but feel elated at finally pursuing her passion. But her life prior to arriving in New York City

could come back to haunt her and destroy everything and everyone she loves.  
Rose has crafted a vivid novel that blends romance with art and history. The story of Jenny trying to pursue her passion and find love would make this novel wor-

thy, but Rose also has the gift of immersing readers in a world of immaculate colors and historical figures in the art community. How Rose can bring to life a time from almost 100 years ago so intensely is truly amazing. □

# Neil Finn and son Liam get dreamy on 'Lightsleeper'



This cover image released by Inertia shows "Lightsleeper," a release by Neil & Liam Finn.  
Associated Press

By PABLO GORONDI  
Associated Press  
Neil & Liam Finn, "Lightsleeper" (Inertia/PIAS)  
"Lightsleeper" is the result of another crowded house at the Finn residence. The album principals, father Neil and son Liam, get the rest of the family involved — mother Sharon, son Elroy, nephew Harper — and also provide room and board to one of Neil's new Fleetwood Mac bandmates, Mick Fleetwood.

On the surface, "Lightsleeper" is closer to the Finn family's foundational Split Enz era than to the more renowned Crowded House productions, with dreamy atmospheres, multi-section song structures and hazy shades of melody providing the framework, not tight pop songs with instantly memorable refrains.  
Most of the tracks are father-and-son co-writes, but Neil wrote album opener "Prelude-Island of Peace" with an uplifting, congenial choir, as a gift for Liam's wedding.  
"Meet Me In The Air" follows, its relaxed harmonies harking back to the "Surf's Up"-period Beach Boys, while "Where's My Room," which seems to describe a musician's unenviable condition near the end of a long tour, begins with what sounds like an updated Roland drum machine and, over seven minutes across vari-

ous "movements," keeps adding elements, including a string section that at times emulates the sounds of Philly soul.  
The theatrical, character-rich "Ghosts" is where the Split Enz influence — or is that Liam's more experimental side? — is clearest, while album finale "Hold Her Close" is a lullaby that includes practical tips for parents.  
As with any music involving a Finn, the vocals are one of the main reasons for listening and the father-son combo more than meets expectations. Neil's voice is still a tad sweeter but Liam's phrasing is very similar and no less expressive and they complete each other fabulously.  
Ideal for late-night listening, "Lightsleeper" demonstrates that with talents such as these at hand, it makes sense to keep it all in the family. □

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# Four Tops' "Duke" Fakir recalls times, last talk with Aretha

By JEFF KAROUB

Associated Press

**DETROIT (AP)** — Abdul "Duke" Fakir said he stopped going to funerals in recent years because he has lost so many close friends and he can't take any more. But the lone surviving original member of the Four Tops said he won't miss the chance to pay his final respects next week to his "Baby Sis," Aretha Franklin.

"I'll be at that one," Fakir told The Associated Press on Wednesday. "That's 'cause she's a sister. She's family. I'll be there."

Fakir plans to attend the private funeral Aug. 31 at Detroit's Greater Grace Temple, which caps days of high-profile memorials to the Queen of Soul. Public viewings will take place Aug. 28-29 at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History.

Fakir, interviewed at the Motown Museum in the former studio where his group

recorded many of their 1960s hits, said he has been "in mourning" like many across the world since Franklin died last Thursday in the city she long called home. But her death hits particularly close to home given their history: The Four Tops toured and recorded with Franklin several times over the decades, and they remained close until the end of her life.

He recalled a phone conversation with Franklin just days before her death. He was cautioned by a family representative that she was unresponsive — "not really saying anything."

"So, I was ... telling her how much I missed seeing her, not being there by her side. And they said her eyes opened, and she said, 'Bernadette.' And that was the last word she ever said, they said," Fakir recalled. "That was her favorite song by the Tops, by the way, 'Bernadette.' So, to have been on her lips, the last



Abdul "Duke" Fakir, the lone surviving original member of the Four Tops and longtime friend of the late Aretha Franklin, poses in front Motown Museum Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2018, in Detroit.

Associated Press

word she said. That's more than honorable. That's precious, you know?"

Fakir, 82, who still regularly performs with the Four Tops, said their friendship deepened as they aged. She often referred to the

members of his group as her "brothers," — and he likewise called her "sis" — but he added "baby" to the nickname in recent years, "especially after the other three Tops had passed."

About a year ago, he said,

she wanted to know why.

"She said, 'Duke, look here — why do you keep calling me 'Baby Sis?' Don't you know I'm 76 years old?' Fakir said. "I said, 'That's why I call you Baby Sis: I got you by six years, girl!'"

Fakir said his group looked forward to every opportunity to record or perform with Franklin, whether it was on home turf in Detroit, at Washington's Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts or New York City's Radio City Music Hall. Despite their close friendship, he never stopped marveling at her musicianship — and in his grief, he's holding on to that. "She's definitely the best because all her music comes from (the heart) and it travels all the way through and it touches all those parts of her that suffer or did not suffer, or happiness or whatever," Fakir said. "And she lets it out, she tells the whole story and you feel it. You know what the story is about." □

# Emmy nominee Millie Bobby Brown rises above the online hate

By JOHN CARUCCI

Associated Press

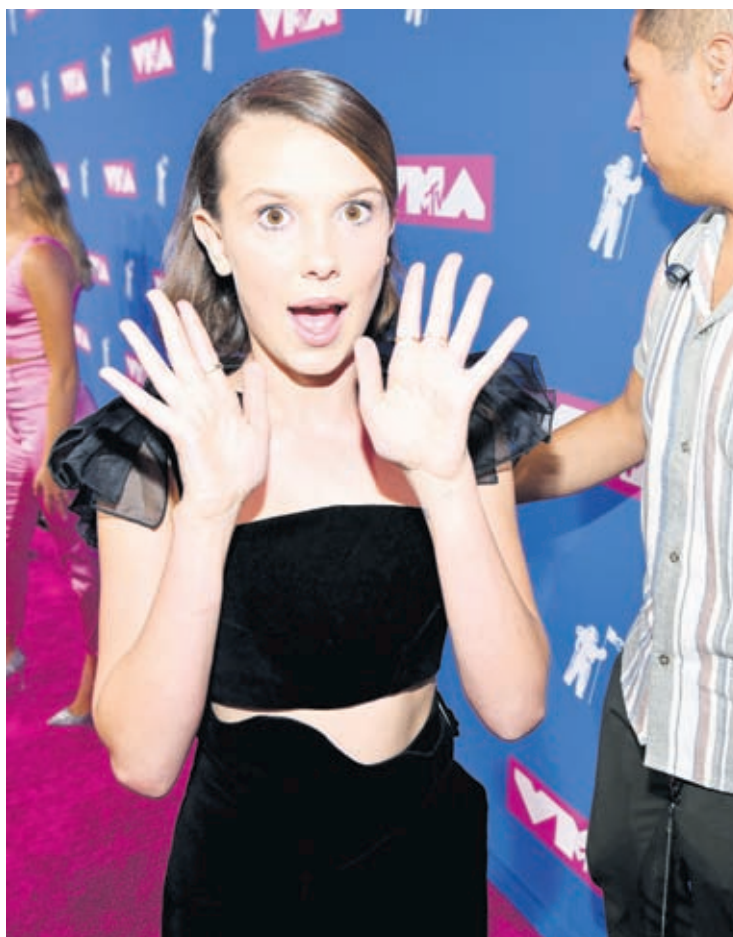
**NEW YORK (AP)** — Emmy nominee Millie Bobby Brown continues to show wisdom beyond her years. The 14-year old "Stranger Things" star, who is no stranger to social media trolls, hopes young people can "rise above the hate" and "not let anyone change you."

Before a panel discussion Tuesday, the young star shared her thoughts on dealing with online bullying. She also provided a shred of information on the show's upcoming third season, and the challenges that come with an Emmy nod.

"Umm, what to wear, honestly. And who to call," Brown said of the latter.

The call was to her older sister.

"I was so happy. It was a great moment for my whole family. We all collapsed, and then we went back to our day. There was nothing really quite special, but it was amazing," Brown



Millie Bobby Brown arrives at the MTV Video Music Awards at Radio City Music Hall on Monday, Aug. 20, 2018, in New York.

Associated Press

said. Being bullied was most definitely not amazing. Earlier this summer, Brown

deactivated her Twitter account after being harassed online. She no longer looks at comments and remains active on Instagram.

"You rise above the hate. You don't listen to what anybody says because at the end of the day that's their issue that they're dealing with. Clearly, they have some, you know, something that's happening with them and they're just insecure and that's OK, because every teenager is insecure. But I think that it's just important to rise above it, you know. Know your worth and, and just be yourself and continue to be yourself and don't let anyone change that," Brown said.

And she also has a famous friend to lean on.

"I think you know Karlie Kloss, the model, she's amazing and I love her. She gave me some amazing advice. Again, just like rise above the hate. Keep being, you know, beautiful within yourself, and then that will show beauty inward out."

Brown calls the philosophy "a great way to live" especially when it comes to herself, and other young people growing up in the age of social media and online bullying.

"It's not all about your looks. It's about who you are as a person, and I think that's just — it's very hard at this age. Being a teenager, you don't know who you are," she said.

Brown received a supporting actress nod for her role as Eleven in "Stranger Things." Though the Netflix series won't return until next summer, Brown said the new season is "everything the fans want." She explained: "It's like a crazy moment for each character."

She joked about the craziness of balancing her successful career with being a teen.

"I'm 14. I'm getting on, you know," she said. "My back is starting to ache. It's starting to — it's a little much. I might retire soon, you know." □



# How to plan a debt-free vacation

By SEAN PYLES  
Associated Press

Whether you're planning a trip to a country across the globe or packing the car for a weekend road trip to a local campground, you can have a debt-free vacation with some careful planning.

It's easy to see how a vacation can blow up even the most carefully planned budget: In NerdWallet's 2018 Summer Spending Report, parents surveyed by Harris Poll planned to charge an average of \$1,019 to credit cards for summer vacations.

To ease the stress of a vacation on your budget, start with a clear idea of your trip's scope — identifying expenses from the time you leave your home to the moment you return — and create a realistic spending limit. Then get creative to trim costs along the way.

## 1. SAVE OVER TIME

Play the long game when planning and saving for a vacation. Put a portion of every paycheck aside to build up a reserve of cash for your trip.

Even saving \$25 or \$50 a month will help make your trip more affordable. Make sure the amount you're setting aside will provide you with enough vacation cash, too.

Consider opening a separate savings account and automating regular transfers to help you save without thinking about it.

If you're more of an impulsive traveler, work to contribute to this travel fund



In this Aug. 1, 2018 photo, tourists climb a temple at the archeological site of Coba, in Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula.

Associated Press

regularly so you can have that weekend getaway without having to pull out your credit card.

## 2. MAKE A FRIENDLY BUDGET

Think of your budget as another companion on your trip.

Just as with any travel buddy, make sure you and your budget set good expectations for each other. Make a spending plan. Account for everything from flights and lodging to entertainment and shopping. Your budget might not take you

to every museum or restaurant you want; work to find a compromise that makes both of you happy.

If you run the numbers and find you can't swing that vacation without overspending, think about shelving the trip for a few months and saving more money in the meantime.

## 3. MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR CREDIT CARDS

Have a travel credit card or a cash-back card sitting in your wallet? You can take advantage of it before and during your trip. If you don't have one yet and your trip is six months or more away, consider looking into cards with a sign-up bonus that could cover flights or lodging.

Card in hand, spend smart. Say you have a card that gives you cash back on groceries; determine what you spend on groceries annually and earmark those rewards points for your vacation budget.

The key is having a plan to pay off your charges every month, advises Joe Cheung, a travel hacker

and blogger at As the Joe Flies.

"Everything starts out with a commitment to not having any credit card debt," says Cheung. "With that principle in place, that opens up the possibility to earn credit card rewards without going into debt or paying interest."

You can also use a rewards card to cut your travel costs. Your card may get you free rental car insurance, or baggage fees or foreign transaction fees waived.

## 4. WATCH HOTELS LIKE A HAWK

Lodging is one of the most costly parts of a vacation. Shop strategically to lower your hotel costs, including monitoring prices and booking rooms during off-peak periods.

Cheung recommends booking your reservation, but waiting to pay. That way you can continue to monitor hotel prices and change your booking accordingly.

"Sometimes prices will drop by just \$10 or \$20, but sometimes it's pretty drastic," Cheung says. "I once had a hotel for \$250 a night, then it dropped to \$160 a night." You also can check prices at the hotel where you've made your initial reservation and price-compare with hotel price aggregator sites to see if you're getting the best deal.

## 5. USE APPS TO FIND CHEAP FLIGHTS

Price-tracking apps and websites can do the work of price hunting for you.

With the smartphone app Hopper, for example, you can enter the general parameters of your itinerary, and it will track prices over time and alert you when the cheapest flight is available. The more flexible your travel dates, the easier it will be for you to find a low price. Google Flights provides a similar service.

One drawback to these services: They don't include prices for every airline. So monitor a few sources to get the best price. □



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